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DISTRIBUTION OF WHITE FISH

The Ministry of Food announces that the winter arrangements for the White Fish Distribution Scheme will be reimposed from Saturday, October 16. In announcing, on August 31, its intention to take this step, the Ministry stated that the date of the reimposition would depend on supplies; the seasonal reduction in white fish landings make this course necessary in the middle of October. It will be recalled that since April 17 last the heavier summer supplies have allowed some relaxation of the Scheme.

From October 16, merchants will again be required to supply their authorised customers in the proportions shown on the official customers' lists. During the summer these lists have been overhauled, both in order to rectify minor details and also to make the necessary adjustments in accordance with the changes in the allocation of supplies from the ports. In this connection it was announced on August 31 that half of Manchester's entitlements will be transferred from Fleetwood to certain Scottish ports, and two-thirds of the entitlements of Leeds, Bradford, Halifax and Huddersfield from Fleetwood to Hull; 80 per cent. of the amount which was previously sent from Fleetwood to London will be received instead from Hull and Grimsby.

The revised customers' lists will be posted to coastal merchants on September 30. The Ministry will also inform all inland wholesalers and retailers and fish friers buying direct from the coast, of the names of their new suppliers. Merchants and customers will therefore have adequate time to settle among themselves the detailed arrangements for supply before the Scheme comes into operation.

The Minister of Food will shortly make the necessary Statutory Order to give effect to these arrangements. Opportunity is being taken to clarify one or two points that arose under the previous Scheme. For instance, the new Order will provide that fishermen at the smaller ports who serve inland wholesalers, retailers and fish friers direct without the intervention of a coastal merchant, must also supply in accordance with official customers' lists.

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