

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONTAINERS

The Ministry of Food draws attention to the fact that there is a very serious shortage of materials for the manufacture of containers for fruit and vegetables. All existing containers, including ship baskets and cardboard packages of the 12 lb. size that are fit for re-use must be kept in circulation within the trade. If they are not, it may become impossible to maintain distribution of produce, including the large supplies of tomatoes that will be coming forward at a later stage in the season.

Members of the retail fruit trade are reminded that under the Fresh Fruit Vegetables and Flowers (Use of Containers) Order, 1943 (No. 632), it is illegal to dispose of containers other than paper containers, outside the trade. The public are asked to co-operate by not asking their retailers for the use of chip baskets or cardboard boxes which the retailer is under obligation to return through trade channels for re-use.

Retail traders are reminded that it is illegal for them to make any charge, in addition to the maximum retail price, for any form of container on a sale of fruit by retail.