

FOOD PROSECUTIONS IN DECEMBER, 1942

During December, 1942, there were 2,735 prosecutions under the Food Control Orders, of which 2,538 were successful. The prosecutions were taken against wholesalers, retailers, members of the public and other offenders against food regulations.

Convictions were secured against 31 wholesalers, 511 retailers and 542 other offenders. This represents a conviction percentage of .155 per wholesale licensee, and .085 per retail licensee. Details are also available of the number of prosecutions undertaken during December for specified groups of offences:-

<u>Type of Offence</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>	<u>Successful Prosecutions</u>
Offences against Maximum Price Orders .....	957	890
Imposing condition of sale .....	23	19
Failure to display price .....	106	97
Illegal slaughter and allied offences .....	113	104
Supplying or obtaining foodstuffs without correct authority .....	746	690
Trading without licence .....	138	132
False declarations .....	136	128
Other offences .....	516	478
Total - United Kingdom	<u>2,735</u>	<u>2,538</u>

The following figures indicate the general incidence of penalties. Out of 2,538 successful cases 137 were dismissed under the Probation of Offenders Act. Fines of £1 and under were inflicted in 1,259 cases, fines above £1 and up to £5 in 821 cases, fines above £5 and up to £10 in 168 cases, and fines above £10 and up to £20 in 68 cases. In 72 cases, the fines exceeded £20 and in 13 cases sentences of imprisonment were imposed.

The distribution of prosecutions among the various Divisions was as follows:-

<u>Division</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>	<u>Number Successful</u>	<u>Percentage Successful</u>
<u>ENGLAND</u>			
Northern	104	90	86.54
North Eastern	158	154	97.47
North Western	214	200	93.46
North Midland	125	113	90.40
Midland	197	188	95.43
Eastern	129	124	96.12
Eastern II	114	105	92.11
London	498	452	90.76
South Eastern	145	122	84.14
Southern	50	50	100.00
South Western	159	148	93.08
	<u>1,893</u>	<u>1,746</u>	<u>92.23</u>
<u>WALES</u>			
North Wales	20	20	100.00
South Wales	202	180	89.11
	<u>222</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>90.09</u>
<u>SCOTLAND</u>			
South East of Scotland	11	11	100.00
West of Scotland	95	94	98.95
East of Scotland	356	356	100.00
North East of Scotland	3	3	100.00
North of Scotland	5	5	100.00
	<u>470</u>	<u>469</u>	<u>99.79</u>
<u>NORTHERN IRELAND</u>			
	<u>150</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>82.00</u>
Total - UNITED KINGDOM	<u>2,735</u>	<u>2,538</u>	<u>92.80</u>