

C.S.O.

(Formerly)

SUBJECT:

RATIONING IN STANLEY.

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CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

3rd June, 1947.

TO The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

From Competent Authority, (Supplies  
Stanley.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Rationing.

In answer to your request for my remarks on rationing I have the honour to forward the following:-

TEA. On May 28th the remaining balance of ex-Army tea was sold. As many complaints had been received at various times that the tea was 'musty smelling' or 'undrinkable' as indeed some of it proved to be, it was considered best to let the tea be sold and no action was therefore taken to curtail sales other than by the normal ration. The Hospital Matron was informed that tea stocks were low and sufficient supplies were secured for K.E.M. Hospital.

The tea lasted until May, the period estimated by Mr. Carr (red 50 M.P. 132/43) when he ordered in Sept. of 1946 the consignment of 15,000 lbs which should now be in Montevideo as it was despatched from Calcutta February 26th of this year.

No answer was received to a telegram sent by you to Montevideo urgently requesting shipment by last voyage of "Fitzroy". (red 84 M.P. 132/43)

SUGAR. The Colony's present stocks should last until about the end of October, but stocks will be supplemented by an extra 31 tons already ordered through S. of S. It would be as well to confirm that this order has reached the Crown Agents.

BUTTER. In order to prevent shortages of butter in future it would appear that a continued rationing of this commodity is necessary. I would suggest after consideration, that the ration should be  $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb per week which ration would involve the following:-

say 1400 people @  $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb p. week = 700 lbs X 52 wks = 16 tons.

Our imports during 1946 amounted to 23 tons.

A ration of 1-lb per week would be double the above 16 tons but would be exactly the amount of our approved programme - 32 tons; in view of our 1946 imports however, I think 1-lb per person per week too lavish. I attach for your consideration please a rationing system for insertion in the existing books. The period covered would be from July 1st to 31st December. I found difficulty in fitting in the two odd weeks and would suggest that 1 odd week should be placed in July section to cover one of our worst months, and the other odd lb to be placed in December when a little extra butter would help at Christmas.

FLOUR. It was thought it would be necessary to ration this commodity until the return of "Fitzroy" from Montevideo due to stocks in the retail stores having become low due to large quantities being sent to Camp stations some of which may not have another connection for some considerable period. (A shipment of 100 X 140 -lb. bags to Darwin by F.I.Co. without my knowledge, was foolish). I have, however, managed to supplement the retailers stock by the transfer of 45 X 140 -lb bags from Hutchinson and Summers. No ration will be placed on flour but I have cut any individual purchase to 9-lbs until further notice.

*B.N. Bigg*

Competent Authority, (S).

J.E.

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✓ Tea pl. see (84) in 132/43 tel. I have complained to F.I.C. about not lifting cargo at M.V. They have promised to lift all by next 'Fitzroy'. Meanwhile, we are telegraphing to find out if the tea has arrived.

✓ 2. Sugar I will deal with this.

3. Butter It is ridiculous & extravagant to import butter more or less at C.I.B. when we have a surfeit of animal fats. I

x | agree with C.A. that in this matter it is  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. per week  
L.W.C.F. 1.7.47. J.E. is aware of the

quite shocking waste of butter in some quarters. It is all bought with foreign exchange: & the U.K. control is evaded in fact by people buying Argentine butter & sending it home in the quarterly gift parcels. I do not propose to stop

this. But if they are rationed it will be a different thing. They will have to save up to do it.

wh. is what should be done.

4. We cannot ration the Camps any more than in the case of sugar & tea: but we will similarly arrange for reasonable quantities to be available there. They can - & should - make their own butter

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but I don't think we shd. be too unreasonable at a time when Camp labour is short. Little imported butter is used in the Camp, comparatively speaking.

I have written about this.

5. If we could get a ship to call for N. Zealand it would keep with butter & many other foods now imported from S. America.

6. More F.E. approx x or 3? Ultimately, it may stimulate local production.

ABL  
10.6

→ App<sup>o</sup>. (I shd. be inclined to make the total import 18 tons to allow for unforeseen circumstances?).

me. 10/vi

CA.

Above. The approved programme is 32 tons. The calculation at 1 shows 16 tons if we ration as suggested. Do you consider 18 tons will suffice, including Camp requirements? If we imported 23 tons in 1946 it is clear that some was wasted some sent to U.K. in gift parcels, one above that would have been used if rationing had been in force.

ABL  
11.6

H.C.S.

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While I think 18 tons would probably cover our annual needs, I should prefer to treat the coming six months as an experiment after which time we shall be able to see more clearly exactly what quantity the Camp population will absorb. The fact that butter is rationed in Stanley will automatically make Camp people 'butter conscious' and I feel that they will make every effort to cover their household requirements thus lessening the demand for the imported article.

2. I agree with you that butter is used extravagantly and that a large amount is exported in gift parcels.

*B.N.B.*  
C.A. 11.6.47.

KE.

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He will keep a check on importations for the latter 1/2 of 1947, rationing Stanley: then for the 1948 programme accordingly.

2. Luce G.E. approx?

*A.B.E.*  
11.6

*Abb<sup>3</sup> MC 11/vi*

CA

Re. so proceed.

*A.B.E.*  
11.6

H.C.S.

The proposed scheme has been forwarded to the Head Printer for n.a. pl. A check will be kept on Camp shipments during the forthcoming half year.

*B.N.B.*  
C.A. 12.6.47.

CA

Re. Dept & Public. Notice: Stick st. in. include an appropriate reference to Camp supplies.

2. If letter comes by next 'Friday'

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before end of June it is not to be put  
on sale like rationing starts on 1. July.

2. Sugar You will doubtless take  
this up separately.

3. Tea will be shipped in 'Fitzroy'.  
Handkerchiefs have been ordered to day.

C.B.L.  
13.6

H.C.S.

Butter.

Draft notice regarding butter rationing submitted pl.

2. It is clearly understood that sales are to be held up  
until July 1st should the butter arrive in the Colony before  
that date.

3. Sugar. A draft telegram to S.ofS. has been submitted today  
with M.P. 184/46.

4. Tea. It is gratifying to learn that the tea has arrived  
in Montevideo.

B.N.B.  
C.A.  
16.6.47.

C.A.

— I am bM Drps, re.

2. No letter is to be sent in June on  
about what you have already authorized, ex-  
cept with your specific further authority (see  
§ 1 Supra).

C.B.L.  
16.6

H.C.S.

Thank you. Notices issued today.

2. No further issue of butter will be made unless perhaps  
by Dr's certificate.

B.N.B.  
C.A. 18.6.47.

Under the file open re.  
A copy of the Notice should be put  
in the file. C.B.L.  
19.6

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Office of the Competent Authority, (Supplies),  
Stanley,  
15th June, 1947.

Butter Rationing.

The public are hereby notified that as from July 1st 1947, or as soon after that date as is made possible by the arrival of fresh supplies from Montevideo, a butter ration at the rate of half a pound per head per week will be introduced in Stanley. The object is to conserve foreign exchange, to prevent extravagance in use, and to encourage more extensive local production.

2. The Camp community will, it is hoped, make every effort to meet their own needs as far as is possible. But it is recognised that some Stations may be unable at present to produce their total requirements, and imported butter will continue to be supplied where the Competent Authority is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for it.

3. The conditions under which butter will be rationed in Stanley are embodied in a Public Notice issued by the Competent Authority today.

(sgd.) S. H. ALLEN.

Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

See 11



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Office of the Competent Authority, (Supplies)  
Stanley,  
10th June, 1947.

Butter Rationing.

In accordance with the provisions of the Defence Regulations 1939, Part VI section 41 (1) (a), it is hereby ordered as follows:-

(1) All traders dealing either by wholesale or by retail in butter, shall register as such with the Competent Authority.

(2) No butter shall be sold or otherwise disposed of in Stanley except on the production of coupons issued by the Competent Authority. Butter shall not be transferred from Stanley to the Camp or vice versa except with the written permission of the Competent Authority. (Home-produced butter being excepted).

(3) The weekly ration will be half a pound per head.

(4) 20 coupons will be issued to each person resident in Stanley covering the period 1st July (or as soon after that date as is made possible by the arrival of fresh supplies) to 31st December 1947. Upon presentation of his or her coupon book at the Office of the Competent Authority the necessary coupons will be inserted. The coupons have been divided into monthly periods and will therefore only be valid for the periods stated thereon.

(5) Application for the necessary coupons may be made on July 1st or as soon after that date as mentioned in paragraph (4), on Tuesdays or Thursdays between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m.

(sgd). S.D. RIGGS,

Competent Authority.

See V



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CS. I thought we had decided on  
reflection that the best way of controlling  
the butter situation — ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~export~~ was to  
prohibit exports? Returning is,  
as I said, going to land us in  
difficulties owing to lack of proper  
refrigerated storage.

mc. 18/vi

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HE

7-9 I has not realised that  
(3) in 224/46 was a non-identification of  
HE's approval of butter rationing at 5  
pennies. It is true that in each  
refrigerated storage. I had read it to  
mean that HE. present difficulty about  
Butter rationing for the reason stated: but  
that in wd. see how it went.

2. On the whole, - after further  
conv., I agree that we shd. not ration  
butter: but keep it on a strict quota  
- write the dealers to co-operate by  
informally rationing their customers to  
avoid a shortage.

3. And withdraw 7, 8 ?

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W.B.L.  
19.6

Accy - Sorry I did not myself clear but thought we had  
reached this decision in recent discussion  
19/vi

Export question should however be taken up at once.

224/46

CA

Re. take up.

W.B.L.  
19.6

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H.C.S. Noted thank you. Draft notice cancelling  
the rationing of butter attached please.  
The Traders concerned will be informed in terms /

of your para 2 above.

*B.N.B.*  
C.A. 19.6.47.

*Pr.*  
*X* 23/6 *ABE*  
1947

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, (Supplies),  
19th June, 1947.

Butter Rationing.

*See 7 & 8.* A Public Notice and Order was issued on the 18th June regarding Butter Rationing, but owing to unforeseen circumstances it has now been decided to cancel the arrangements made to ration butter as from July 1st.

Butter will continue to be sold as usual upon the arrival in the Colony of fresh stocks, but in their own interests the public are requested to make every reasonable economy in its use.

(sgd.) B.N. BIGGS.

Competent Authority, (Supplies).

*But*  
*23/6*  
*X* *(11)*

B.

*I saw Mr. Rose (E.L.W.). Mr. Clark (F.I.C.).  
Mr. Summers & Mr. Day. C.N.C. was present.  
All agreed to proceed as in § 2 of A &  
to inform C.N.C. by telephone &  
also if they can check to see what & if  
there was some of a 'one' & ~~later~~.*

*PA ABE*  
*23/6*

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(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

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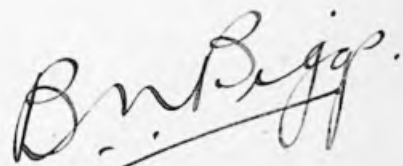
11th November, 1947. 12.

From Competent Authority,  
(Supplies),  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

I have the honour to inform you that it has been the practice at this time of the year to issue extra Sugar for the production of home-made Rhubarb Jam. May the same procedure be followed for this year? I suggest that an additional ration of sugar amounting to 4 - lbs per head be permitted with say - a maximum of 12-lbs to any one household.

For your approval please.



Competent Authority.(S).

7E.  
12 may be appd. ? Subject to  
production of evidence that the sugar has  
been so used, if required, - on an under

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taking <sup>extra</sup> met / sugar for ch. permit  
has been named is to be used  
for permitting?

ABL  
12/11

App<sup>d</sup>  
MC 12/xi

CA.

As above.

ABL  
12/11

H.C.S.

Noted th. you. & a copy of the P. Notice  
for yr. inf. please.

B.V.  
c/a 13/11/47.



PUBLIC NOTICE.

Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, (Supplies),  
15th November, 1947.

Additional Sugar Ration.

In order to make the maximum use of Rhubarb which is now in season, it has been decided to make an additional issue of Sugar for the purpose of Jam-making.

2. The additional ration of Sugar has been fixed at 4 - lbs. per head with a maximum of 12 - lbs for any one household.

3. As in the case of previous special issues of Sugar for preserving, applicants must satisfy the Competent Authority that they intend to make Jam and may subsequently be called upon to produce the finished product.

4. Coupons may be collected upon application to the Office of the Competent authority (now situated in the Defence Force Headquarters building) on TUESDAY and THURSDAY afternoons between the hours of 2.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m.

(sgd.) B. N. BIGGS

Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

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*PA GRS*  
*17"*

No. 0210.

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum, the above number and the date may be quoted.

*Reg.*

From Competent Authority,  
(Supplies),  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

12th February, 1948.

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

In view of the fact that several varieties of fruit are now in season, I have the honour to request permission to make an additional issue of sugar for the purpose of preserving.

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2. The maximum of 12 lbs per household suggested by me on the last occasion met with a very poor reception from the Public and I would suggest that no maximum be fixed for this issue but that the amount per head should be three pounds and not four as before. The proposed draft notice is attached.

For your approval pl.

*D. B. Bigg*  
C.A.

*Amos*  
*A.P.*

DRAFT.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, (Supplies),  
.....1948.

Additional Sugar Ration.

In order to make the maximum use of various fruits which are now in season, it is proposed to make a further additional ration of Sugar for preserving.

2. The additional ration on this occasion has been fixed at 3-lbs of Sugar per head.

3. As in the case of previous issues applicants must satisfy the Competent Authority that they intend to make preserves and may subsequently be called upon to produce the finished product.

4. Coupons may be collected upon application to the usual office on Tuesdays or Thursdays between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m.

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C.A.

*c/a. to note approval, pl.  
H.C.S.  
16/2/48.*

*H.C.S. noted in journal  
B.M.B. c/a, 17/2/48*

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

24th November, 1948.

From

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,

The Competent Authority, (Supplies)  
Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT: - Tea Rationing.

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I have the honour to submit a letter from the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd., in connection with tea, together with a statement of stocks received by the last "Lafonia".

2. Old stocks of tea ex M.O. Food, priced at 3/- per lb amount to some 2000 lbs and may last until February or March of 1949 depending largely upon Camp demands. (x) of the attached letter was originally my own suggestion when the question was first put to me by the F.I.Co. I suggested that they should forward the matter in writing.

3. In view of the fact that tea may now be purchased from India or Ceylon without restriction as to quantity, could I have your permission to place the new stocks on sale coupon free - the old stock at the cheaper price of 3/- per lb to remain on coupons until exhausted as mentioned in para 2 above?

4. As the printing of coupons has been completed, I suggest that tea coupons should remain in the coupon book for 1949 to

provide/

*7.5. 1949. of  
147 4/11/1949  
enc. 132/43.  
7.5. 1949  
13-2/43*

18 for January to March of that year and to cover any possible emergency.

21 5. Should you see no objection, the attached draft public notice is submitted please.

*Wm. B. Giff.*

Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).



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# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

*Stanley*

20th November 1948

The Competent Authority,  
Stanley.

DWR/MM

Sir,

We recently received a consignment of 5 tons of Tea and will shortly be receiving a further 2 tons.

X As we are having no difficulty in obtaining supplies of this commodity now we submit that the need for rationing has ceased to exist and it is requested that we may be permitted to place our new supplies of tea on sale unrationed. As the new prices of tea, which are given on the attached schedule, are higher than the tea at present on sale, we suggest it might be advisable to leave on ration the remaining stocks of tea at present selling at 5/- per lb. This would prevent large scale buying of the cheaper type.

An early reply would be greatly appreciated.

I am  
Sir  
Your obedient servant

*MM Pollock*

Manager.

Types and prices of Tea arrived per "Lafonia" 12.11.48.

4,500 lbs. Tea -Ceylon B.P. Std.147	c.i.f. 2/10 per lb.
in 100 lb. cases	S.P. 3/7 per lb.

4,500 lbs. Tea - Indian B.P. Std.A	c.i.f. 3/4 per lb.
in 50 lb. cases	S.P. 4/2 per lb.

2,220 lbs. Tea - Indian	c.i.f. 3/11 per lb.
in 60 x 1 lb. cases	S.P. 4/11 per lb.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

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Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, (Supplies),  
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Tea Rationing.

The public are hereby notified that as from December the 1st 1948, tea purchased through commercial channels and selling at prices ranging from 3/7d to 4/11d per lb will be placed on sale coupon free.

Tea purchased from the Ministry of Food and selling at 3/- per lb., will continue to be controlled by coupons until exhausted during the first quarter of 1949.

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C.A.

17-21 Appa. as proposed.

2. Prior on returning. he can in.  
formed by SIS the Mr. Day that  
he was 4/- a lb. <sup>FO.B.</sup> QMF?

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29/16

H.C.

3/7' per lb. was much cheaper than  
anticipated even by I.D. Co.  
2. Notice issued acc. p.l.

Dut c/a. <sup>PAH</sup> 30/1/48.

No. 0210.

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested  
that in any refer-  
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number and the  
date may be quoted.

22  
14th December, 1948.

FROM Competent Authority,  
(Supplies),  
  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary, X

Stanley. MP 16.12

SUBJECT :- Rationing - 1949.

24 I have the honour to submit herewith for your approval, a draft of a public notice which it is proposed to issue toward the end of December, concerning rationing in 1949. The following points are explained please:


4 Clothing - If you agree I propose to cancel all clothing coupons issued prior to 1st January 1948. This will leave valid only the red coupons for 1948 and the green ones for 1949. In view of the large amount of surplus coupons held by especially large families, I consider that the above suggestion would clear away a lot of dead wood.

25 Tea - As already explained in a Public Notice issued on November the 30th, tea ex M.O. Food stocks will remain under control until exhausted early in 1949. Other qualities will be off ration.

26 Sugar. It is proposed to issue a further additional ration of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb per person per week for the 1st quarter of 1949 as made for the preceding quarter. This will create a reserve for pre-serving. Thereafter the ration will revert to 1-lb per week as

C<sup>o</sup> A

Barry

Appa. R. Smith copy of N. Mic  
for my file in D.C. 

445 Copy furnished for use by C.A.

29/2/48 attached pt.

Recd  
22/12/18

Mr. L. W.



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PUBLIC NOTICE.

Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, (Supplies),  
29th December, 1948.

Rationing - 1949.

The public are requested to take notice of the arrangements made in regard to rationing during 1949.

Clothing. As in the case of previous years, 66 clothing coupons will be allotted to each individual. It has been decided, however, to cancel all clothing coupons issued prior to January 1st 1948, and therefore only the red coupons for 1948 and the green ones to be issued for 1949 will remain valid for clothing purchases.

Tea. As notified in a public notice issued on the 30th November, 1948, tea purchased from the Ministry of Food and selling at 3/- per lb will remain controlled by coupons at 2 ozs per week until exhausted early in 1949. Other qualities may be purchased without coupons.

Sugar. For the period 1st January to 31st March, 1949, the ration of this food has again been fixed at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs per person per week in order to create a reserve for preserving purposes. From the 1st of April, 1949, onward, the ration will revert to 1 lb per person per week.

Only green coupons will be accepted for Sugar and Tea during 1949, all previous coupons for these commodities being hereby cancelled. The quarterly markings have been retained again this year.

Coupon books may be obtained from the Office of the Competent Authority, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between the hours of 2 and 4.30 p.m.

(sgd.) B. N. BIGGS,  
Competent Authority, (Supplies).

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

2nd September, 1949

To: The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

From: Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:-

Additional Sugar Ration.

I have the honour to submit a draft notice which I propose, with your approval, to issue towards the end of this month. For the last quarter of 1948 the sugar ration was increased from 1 lb per week to 1½ lbs per week per head, in order to make a small allowance for jam making, preserving, etc., and I think that this should be done again this year.

2. May I have your approval please ?

*4/9/49 on the assumption  
that stocks will not be  
depleted too much.*

*K.A.  
3/9.*

*G. J. Bowles*  
Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

Draft.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ADDITIONAL SUGAR RATION.

The public are hereby notified that in order to provide additional Sugar for preserving purposes, the Sugar ration during the period 1st October to the 31st December, 1949, will be increased from 1-lb to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs per week per person.

This means that each No. 4. coupon in the Ration Book will cover the purchase of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs of Sugar instead of 1 lb for each week of the last quarter of the year.

The public are advised that no further issue for preserving etc. will be possible during the current year.

Competent Authority.

C.A.

To note appl. on 25 pl.

W.H. for C.S.

5/9/49

H.C.R.

Noted thank you *[Signature]* 6/9/49

*[Handwritten notes and signatures]*  
6/9/49

No.

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MEMORANDUM.

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It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

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17th December, 19 49.

From The Competent Authority,  
(Supplies),

Stanley.

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

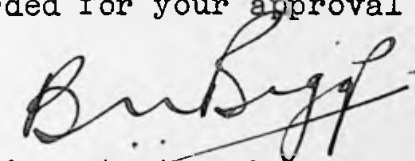
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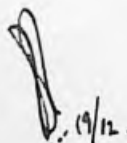
Sugar Rationing - 1950.

I have the honour to inform you that as Sugar is still controlled on a quota system by the Ministry of Food, there will be no alternative but to ration this food again in 1950.

2. To save the Government Printer as much work as possible, the ration card has been printed on very simple lines, a specimen copy of which is attached.

3. A draft Public Notice is forwarded for your approval please.

  
Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

 19/12.  
H. H.



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Sugar <sup>1</sup>	Sugar <sup>1</sup>	Sugar <sup>1</sup>	Sugar <sup>1</sup>	Sugar <sup>1</sup>	Valid for period 1/1/50 — 31/3/50	Valid for period 1/7/50 — 30/9/50	Sugar <sup>3</sup>	Sugar <sup>3</sup>	Sugar <sup>3</sup>	Sugar <sup>3</sup>	Sugar <sup>3</sup>
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RATION CARD No..... 1950.

Issued to.....

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NO.

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

23/12/

29  
1946.

CS.

CA.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Sugar Rationing.

Draft Public Notice approved. Pl. arrange with G.P. for early printing of ration card.

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23/12.

Has

Noted thank you.

But.  
Cofl.  
18/2

10.  
30/12/46

13th January,

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19 50.

requested  
in any refer-  
ence to this memo-  
andum the above  
number and the  
date may be quoted.

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,

CONFIDENTIAL.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From

The Competent Authority,  
(Supplies),  
Stanley.

SUBJECT:- Proposed temporary ration on Tea.

I have the honour to inform you that the Falkland Islands Company report that the delivery date for tea from Ceylon is to be much later than anticipated. The new supply should, they say, arrive in late March or early April - not in February as at first expected.

2. In an endeavour to spread existing supplies as evenly as possible, I recommend that a temporary ration of 1-lb per person covering the period January 20th to March 20th be imposed.

3. The previous rationing scheme for tea was abolished at the request of the Falkland Islands Company, who gave an assurance that the supply position was easy, (19 herein).

31 For your approval please.

*B. B. B. B.*

Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

C.A.

Approved.

*[Signature]*

14/1/50.

MCS.

noted at Jan 17

B.W.

C/A 17/1/50

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, (Supplies), 31  
14th January, 1950.

Temporary Tea Rationing.

The Public are hereby notified that due to an exceptionally late delivery date given by the Ceylon tea exporters, <sup>it is necessary to impose</sup> a temporary rationing ~~has been imposed~~ on the sale of Tea until the arrival of new stocks. The ration has been fixed at 1-lb per person, covering the period 17th January to the 17th of March, 1950.

As in the United Kingdom, children under the age of 5 years will not be entitled to a ration.

Coupons may be collected from the Office of the Competent Authority on Tuesdays and Thursdays during office hours.

Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

*[Handwritten signature]*  
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No. 0210

MEMORANDUM.

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It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

3rd February, 1950.

From Competent Authority,  
(Supplies),  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

SUBJECT:- Tea Rationing.

I have the honour to inform you that the Falkland Islands Company have asked me whether I would place through official channels, a request to the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. "Bigbury Bay", asking whether a supply of Tea (about 500 lbs), could be purchased from the vessel's victualling stores.

2. The tea is most urgently required, and I should be most grateful if you would be good enough to take up the above suggestion please.

*B. Bagg*  
Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

A.C.S

*I have spoken to Cdr. Gooden  
& he is agreeable. I'll file &  
I will write to him officially*

6 FEB 1950

Copies to: Manager, F.I.C., C.A.

0210

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8th February, 50.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to our earlier conversation on the subject of tea supplies for the Colony and to confirm that tea being at present scarce in the Colony owing to delay in the arrival of a shipment ordered some months ago, it would be much appreciated if you would let the Falkland Islands Company, purchase from your ship's stores any tea which you may have surplus to your foreseeable requirements.

I am,

Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Lieut. Commander G.R.P. Goodden,  
Commanding Officer,  
H.M.S. "Bigbury Bay".

BK 15/2/50

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C/A.

Did we get the ~~odd~~ 250 lbs of tea from the Bigbury firm before she left?

- 2) How is the latter situation. I believe we are out at the moment but a supply will doubtless be coming by to-day's "Fitzroy". It will be sufficient?

[15 FEB 1950]

HCS 250 lbs of tea was received by the D.I.B. as arranged. This amount, while very acceptable, will <sup>just</sup> ~~hardly~~ cover our needs for period 17/2-17/3.

2. 5,824 lbs of Butter arrived today. A large shipment for this time of the year, considering the lack of cold storage. It should be sufficient to last until next voyage.

Dir. 9/2 15/50



Ref/M2.



Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, (Supplies),  
15th February, 1950.

35

Sir,

Naval Surplus Stores.

I have the honour to forward herewith, a copy of a list giving allocations made in regard to the disposal of Naval Surpluses.

2. Following the discussion yesterday morning about tea allocations; Government proposes to allocate to your Company 66-2/3rds % of the total of 1298 lbs. It is hoped that in view of the smallness of the amount involved, this arrangement will be acceptable to those concerned.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) D. W. HIGGS.

Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

The Chief Storekeeper,  
The Falkland Islands Company, Ltd.,  
Stanley.

*For information pl.  
B.W.H. 15/2*

REF/N2.

Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, (Supplies),

15th February, 1959.



36

Sir,

Surplus Naval Stores.

I have the honour to forward herewith, a copy of a list giving allocations made in regard to the disposal of Naval Surpluses.

2. Following the discussion yesterday about tea allocations; Government proposes to allocate to your Company 33-1/3rd % of the total of 1298 lbs. It is hoped that in view of the smallness of the amount involved, this arrangement will be acceptable to those concerned.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) B. N. BIGGS.

The Manager,  
The Estate Louis Williams,  
Stanley.

Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

Allocation of Surplus Naval Stores.

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<u>Commodity.</u>	<u>Total available.</u>	<u>P.I.C.</u>	<u>E.L.W.</u>	<u>Balance.</u>
Applerings, dry.	280 lbs	140	140	nil
Apricots, dry.	620 "	-	200	420
Figs.	510 "	-	510	nil
Sugar.	3288 "	-	3288	nil
Tea.	1298 "	865	433	nil
Jams: Apricot	96 "	-	-	96
B. Currant	96 "	-	96	nil
Gooseberry	96 "	-	96	nil
Plum	144 "	-	72	72
Ras. & R. Currant	144 "	-	72	72
Strawberry	144 "	-	144	nil
Marmalade.	516 "	-	516	nil
Golden Syrup.	517 "	-	517	nil
Preserved Meats	1008 "	-	? (Sample)	1008
S. & K. Pudding	720 "	-	-	720
Stewed Steak	240 "	-	? ( " )	240
Split Peas	696 "	-	300	396
Haricot Beans	300 "	-	200	100
Marrowfat Peas	784 "	584	200	<del>784</del>
Currants	555 "	278	277	nil
Sultanas	588 "	294	294	nil
Baked Beans	937 "	537	400	nil
Tomatoes (2½ lb tins)	597 <del>22½</del> tins	298	299	597
(x) Tinned Fruit( " " )	722	722	-	nil
Damsons (2 lb size)	269	-	269	nil
Celery Cuts	49	-	20	29
Peas (2½ lb tins)	158	-	158	nil

(x) Tinned Fruit:

Misc.	50	tins
Apricots	240	"
Pears	312	"
Peaches	120	"
	<u>722</u>	

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MEMORANDUM.

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It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

16th February, 19 50.

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,

From The Competent Authority,  
Stanley. (Supplies),

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

34  
I have the honour to attach herewith, a letter from the Falkland Islands Company regarding allocations of ex-Naval Tea. Should further consideration be necessary please?

*B. B. Giff*  
Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

*Stanley,*

15th February 1950.

The Competent Authority,  
Stanley.

DJC/IMcL.

Dear Sir,

## Naval Surplus Stores.

Thank you for your letter dated 15th February 1950 together with list showing allocation of Naval Stores.

With regard to the Tea. We feel most strongly that all available Tea should be allocated to this Company who are at the present moment the sole importers of this commodity.

When the Government asked local traders to once again take over the importations of Tea we went to great trouble to find a supplier and we were the only trader in the Colony to make any effort whatever in this respect, if we had taken the same line as others the Colony would be without Tea.

The present method of purchasing Tea direct from producers incurs the outlay of considerable sums of money as orders have to be large to warrant direct shipment and any benefits accruing to us as a result of the negative attitude of others, we wish to closely preserve.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*S. S. Clark*

Chief Storekeeper.

40  
C/A.

38-39. I appreciate the points which the Company put forward, but E.L.W. have good arguments on their side too. I still consider that by making an exception to the 50:50 rule and allocating the tee at  $66\frac{2}{3}$  :  $33\frac{1}{3}$  we have done what we can to recognize the F.I.C.'s claim while preserving the principle of fair distribution of business.

18 FEB 1950

Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, (Supplies),  
20th February, 1950. *W*

Sir,

Naval Surplus Stores.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th of February, 1950, concerning the allocation of tea ex Naval Stocks. In this connection I am directed to inform you that, while the points you put forward are appreciated, it is still considered that by making an exception to the 50-50 rule by allocating your Company 66-2/3rds per cent of the consignment, your claim has been recognised and no further action in the matter can therefore be taken.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) B. N. BIGGS.

Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

The Chief Storekeeper,  
The Falkland Islands Company, Ltd.,  
Stanley.

*C/A. Seen, t.y. Now that the B.B. is in again, please ensure that a copy of 37 is sent to them with suitable covering letter. 22/2 & let it should be properly so over my signature*

474 ycs.

I was on the point of sending a letter  
enclosing attached list, but now offer a  
draft for your signature and forwarding  
of attached list please.

Th. you

B. P.  
Boyl.  
22/4/50



6th March,

50.

Sir,

*See 37*

I have the honour to refer to our recent conversations regarding Naval victualling stores, which you anticipate may be made available for disposal through commercial channels prior to your departure from the Colony. In this connection I append a list giving allocations to local traders (The Falkland Islands Company, Limited, and the Estate Louis Williams), and in the right-hand column balances, which, for one reason or another, the above firms are unable to take up.

2. Your generosity in the above matter has been greatly appreciated, especially in regard to the supply of tea you so kindly made available to augment the temporary ration.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Lt. Cdr. C.R.P. Goodden,  
Commanding Officer,  
H.M.S. Bigbury Bay,  
at Stanley.

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer  
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

*19/1/51*  
*6/1/51*

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, (Supplies),  
22nd March, 1950.

Temporary Butter Rationing.

The Public are hereby notified, that until the arrival in the Colony of fresh supplies, a temporary ration will be imposed on existing stocks of Butter.

The ration will 1-lb per person and no further ration will be possible from existing stocks.

Coupons may be collected from the office of the Competent Authority on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between the hours of 9 - 12.30 a.m. and 2 to 4.30 p.m.

*[Signature]* P. N. BIGGS.

Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

*403*  
*for 1st fl*

*24/3/50*

For inf. p.l.



PUBLIC NOTICE.

Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, (Supplies),  
29th March, 1950.

Sugar Rationing.

The public are hereby notified, that the ration on Sugar will be maintained at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -lbs per person per week, during the quarterly period 1st April to the 30th June, 1950.

(Sgd.) E. H. BIGGS.

Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

APB

APB  
1/4/50

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Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, (Supplies),  
11th April, 1950.

Temporary Tea Rationing.

The public are hereby notified that as a large consignment of tea will arrive by this voyage of the "Fitzroy", the temporary tea ration introduced on the 14th of January, 1950, has been cancelled as from and including today the 11th of April, 1950.

(Sec.) E. R. BIGGS.

Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

*W. H. H.*  
11/4/50

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, (Supplies),  
12th April, 1950.

Temporary Butter Rationing.

The Public are hereby notified that due to the fact that only limited supplies of butter arrived by this voyage of the "Fitzroy", the temporary ration imposed on the 22nd March, will continue until further notice.

On this occasion, 2½ - lbs will be allotted to each individual and no further issue will be possible from existing stocks.

Coupons will be issued today, Wednesday, from 2 to 4.30 pm and thereafter on Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

(Sgd.) B. B. BIGGS

Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

PA.

No. 0210

It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

# MEMORANDUM.

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17th April

1950



To: The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From:

The Competent Authority,  
Stanley. (Supplies),

SUBJECT :-

49  
I have the honour to submit herewith a letter from the Falkland Islands Company asking that Sugar be removed from control by rationing.

X  
2. May the matter be held in abeyance until a reply is received to your telegram regarding direct supplies from Trinidad? (64 in 0504/1v refers).

3. Stocks of Sugar are at a healthy level, but only because rationing has prevented hoarding.

Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

pps

# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

° (INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.) °

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

*Stanley.*

11th April, 1950.

The Competent Authority,  
Stanley.

DJC/NS.

Sir,

We think the time has arrived when the need for rationing Sugar has ceased.

The present ration of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. per person per week is extremely generous and our experience is that the public are only taking this amount in full because it is rationed and we believe that should rationing cease we should sell slightly less Sugar than we are selling at the moment.

The Colony's allocation of 94 tons per annum cannot at the present permitted rate of sale be used up before the next years allocation is due, this was amply proved when the most recent shipment arrived.

May we suggest that rationing be lifted for a trial period of say 3 months, this fact of course should not be included in any public notice, and then the matter could be reviewed.

We shall be glad to receive your comments.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

D.J. Crane

Chief Storekeeper.

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Off

Attach 8504/IV. Please

✓  
19/4/50

see 66 - 8504/IV

C/A.

p. 48. I agree that it would be better to avoid reply  
from S/S to our enquiry. Pl: so advise Chief

Stuckefer, F.I.C.

20 APR 1950

HCS

noted th. Jan.

2. 2.9.60. notified accordingly pl.

Bmf  
6/4/50

BW  
30/4/50



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Mr. Miller Roy Cove.

*To* Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched:* April 21st 19 50 *Time:* 14.00.

*Received:* April 22nd 19 50 *Time:* 09.30.

One case butter for this Farm withdrawn from ship by Competent Authority on account local rationing. Consider this action highanded in view requirements camp people and scarcity opportunities of shipment. Can I expect butter by Penelope.

MILLER.

P/L.  
LJH

Reply at 54

DECODE.

52  
TELEGRAM.

*From* Mr. Luxton, ~~Charles~~

*To* Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched:* April 22nd 19 50 *Time:* 09.30.

*Received:* April 22nd 19 50 *Time:* 12.00.

Competent Authority has cancelled farm order for one case butter.  
In view of fact that we have not had a call since January and will not  
have another for some time I cannot see why men in cookhouse and  
any others requiring it should not be entitled to their ration.  
Grateful you arrange case for us be landed Fox Bay.

P/L.  
LJH

Reply at 55  
LUXTON.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Mr. Harding Hill Cove

*To* Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched :* April 22nd 19 50 *Time :* 08.00.

*Received :* April 22nd 19 50 *Time :* 12.00

Request that you will inform S.S. Fitzroy by immediate return that our case of butter can be landed here as there has been no call since January. I think our men in the cookhouse are entitled to their butter ration and should not be deprived of it until the next call of steamer which will not be for some months.

HARDING.

P/L.  
I.JH

Reply cc 56

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				22.4.50
To	MILLER	ROY GUYE		

quantity of butter imported was small stop Have no wish to discriminate against Camp but consider their opportunities for obtaining fresh dairy produce locally better than Stanley's stop Have authorised issue of half a case and asked store to send by Pencilope.

Time

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* The Colonial Secretary

*To* Mr. Luxton Chartres.

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*Despatched* : April 22nd 19 50 *Time* : 12.30.

*Received* : ..... 19 .. *Time* : .....

Only small quantity butter received. Have no wish to discriminate against Camp but consider that their opportunities for obtaining fresh dairy produce locally are better than Stanley's. Have authorised issue of half case and asked stores to arrange shipment by Penelope.

*See 52*

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

P/L.  
LJH.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From ~~The~~ Colonial Secretary

To Mr. Harding Hill Cove.

Despatched : April 22nd 19 50 Time : 12.30.

Received : ..... 19 .. Time : .....

Only small quantity butter received. Have no wish to discriminate against Camp but consider that their opportunities for obtaining fresh dairy produce locally are better than Stanley's. Have authorised issue of half case and asked stores to arrange shipment by Penelope.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

P/L.  
LJH.

*LJH*

567  
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 63.

From Mr. Miller.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : May 5th 19 50 Time : 09.30.

Received : May 5th 19 50 Time : 12.00.

Returned by sea from Carcass ~~shall no longer require air transport.~~

54 Your telegram 22nd reached me on my return yesterday many thanks  
~~shall be grateful for butter.~~  
shall be grateful for butter.

MILLER.

P/L.  
LJH

Caracas Island

May 11 1950.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

11 MAY 1950

Sir,

51

This is to confirm my telegram of 21<sup>st</sup> April concerning the action of the Competent Authority in refusing to allow the Falkland Islands Company to deliver to Royal Cove the one case of butter which they had invoiced, manifested & had already on board with the rest of the Royal Cove cargo. As mentioned in my telegram I consider this a very highhanded action in view of the fact that butter was rationed in Stanley and therefore people at Royal Cove were every bit as entitled to their ration as the people of Stanley.

I understand this ration is only temporary until return of "Fitzroy"; what steps does the Competent Authority take then to let Royal Cove people have their butter? Will he send it by air? or do we have to wait possibly many months & receive it by sea?

I would be glad of your opinion in this matter and I would like the Competent Authority to give me his actual reasons.



for putting the people of Roy's Cove on a different footing to the people of Stanley.

My letter is headed with the Carcass Island address as I left for here by "Fitzroy" the same day that I telegraphed you concerning this matter and have not had a chance to write until now.

I shall be back in Roy's Cove within a few days. If you replied to my telegram, this reply will be awaiting me at Roy's Cove.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Ludwig Muller

M.C.S.

In view of 5th n.f.a. pl?

*Ludwig Muller*  
16/6/50

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I had a wire in from Mr. Miller about May 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>,  
with reference to this in reply to my 54. This wire  
also dealt with aircraft bookings. A copy of that  
wire should be enclosed in this file.

18 MAY 1950

ACS  
RC acc 56A herein  
*[Signature]*

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, (Supplies),  
20th May, 1950.



Temporary Butter Rationing.

The Public are hereby notified that the temporary butter ration introduced on the 22nd March, 1950, will be cancelled as from and including Monday the 22nd of May, 1950.

(Sgd.) B. N. BIGGS.

Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

22 MAY 1950

*file & file*

*PK*

No. 0210

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

1st June, 19 50.

From The Collector of Customs,

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- De-rationing of Sugar.

In further reference to 49 in 0210, regarding de-rationing of Sugar. As we are unable to import supplies of sugar from the West Indies direct (74-0504/IV refers), we will have to depend on supplies from the Ministry of Food in Britain.

2. The present approved allocation from the M.O.F. is 94 tons. Assuming that there are 2,300 people in the Islands, this would give everyone about 91-lbs of Sugar per head. The present rationing system allows 65-lbs per capita, involving the following:

26 weeks @1½-lbs per week (population 2,300)	89,700 lbs
26 " "1 -lb " " " "	<u>59,800 "</u>
	149,500 "
Approved allocation - 94 tons	= 210,560 "
Estimated surplus over ration	<u>61,060 "</u>

Existing stocks - 97,058 or 42 weeks @ 1-1b per head.

Balance due from M.O.F. (1950 quota) 44 tons or 98,560 lbs.

3. In view of the above position, I would suggest that the existing rationing system be discontinued for a trial period from 1/7 - 31/12/50.

For your approval please.

*B. B. B. B.*  
Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

*b/a*  
Approved ~~it~~, It should be made clear that it is for a trial period.

2 JUN 1950

*yes.*  
P. Notice issued acc. pl.

*B. B. B. B.*  
*b.a.*

PUBLIC NOTICE

Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, (Supplies),  
6th June, 1950.

Sugar Rationing in Stanley.

The public are hereby notified that sugar will be removed from control by rationing, for a trial period from the 1st July to the 31st December, 1950 inclusive.

Government is most anxious that controls like rationing should cease as and when possible, and the co-operation of the public is requested to ensure that de-rationing of sugar may be successful. Should sales remain on normal levels during this experimental six months, rationing will be dispensed with entirely in 1951.

(Sd) A. E. BIGGS.

Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

Copy to The Honourable, Colonial Secretary for information.

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Public Notice.

Office of the Competent Authority,  
Supply, (Supply),  
29th June, 1950.

Temporary Rationing.

The public are hereby notified, that until the arrival in the colony of fresh supplies, a temporary ration will be imposed on existing stocks of ration.

The ration will be 1-lb per person and no further ration may be obtained from existing stocks.

Supplies may be collected from the office of the Competent Authority during normal office hours.

(Sgd.) E. R. BIGGS.

Competent Authority,  
(Supply).

29 JUN 1950

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Office of the Competent Authority,  
Stanley, (Supplies),  
17th July, 1950.

The Public are hereby notified, that the  
temporary butter ration introduced on the 29th  
June 1950, is hereby cancelled.

(Sgd.) D. N. BIGGS.

Competent Authority,  
(Supplies).

Sile

ga ~~18/7/50~~



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Stanley,

3.3.55.

Dear Sir,

I should like to draw the attention of Government to the fact that for the second time within six months there is a shortage of sugar, other than lump (which is more expensive) and of pollard in the Colony. We have ample stocks and are not affected, but many people are.

If the Falkland Islands Company adopted a rationing system things would not be so bad, but as far as one can gather certain people are tipped off that there is a shortage and obtain stocks, others find that they can buy 30lb. of sugar, then suddenly 10 lb. and before all have received some the supply has gone.

Last time there was a shortage I met the storekeeper of the FIC and said, "I hear you are short of sugar." He told me that if I went into the West Store I'd get so many pounds. I went and asked for it and was told there was none left. I replied, "Mr. Clark has just told me to come and ask for some." The astonishing remark I then heard was, "Oh, he must be selling it again." And a bin well full was opened.

This sort of thing is not good enough. The FIC must know how many customers it has, it must know that a shortage of sugar will send others to it, one would have thought that it would require very little, indeed a modicum of business <sup>acumen</sup> ~~intelligence~~ to make a calculation to find out how much each family, or person, was to get.

I suggest that this running out of things ~~is~~ and failure to supply customers fairly is a breach of the charter the F.I.C. possesses .

Yours faithfully,

*The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.*

*Fin. Controller.*



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Competent authorities reverse

I was about to address a minute  
to you on the subject when this arrived.

What is the reason & what are  
your recommendations? Should I  
revert to importing? Are other  
stores affected? We recently sold  
the old customs shed to the  
road cranes.

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## MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



7th. March,

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From: -

The Competent Authority (Supplies).

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: -

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary.

SUBJECT: -

Sugar.

The Chief Storekeeper in an interview held this morning informed me that the present shortage of Sugar in the stores of Stanley is because 600 bags were awaiting shipment at the time of the recent Dock Strike and then when "Nancie-S" loaded in London 300 of the 600 bags were shut out, also that people had been buying it up in large quantities. To prove that Mr. Clark's last statement is correct I have collected the following data: - F.I.C. imported 300 bags each of 112 lbs and the Estate Louis Williams 100 bags same weight, this consignment brought to lbs equals 44,800 lbs, divided by the population figures of 2,212 (taken from January Gazette) shows that the consumption of Sugar over a period of six weeks is just over 20 lbs per person. This proves beyond doubt that people are being greedy. The writer of the attached letter who perhaps resembles the character in "Take it from Here" (on his own admission) may be one of these greedy people.

Arrangements are now being made whereby some 10 bags are being recalled from Darwin and permission has been granted for the F.I.C. to borrow a quantity from H.M.S. "Burghead Bay" (Ship's Stores). When this arrangement is completed a further ration per head of population will be made under the supervision of this department.

I do not recommend Government again taking over control of Sugar, as I am of the opinion this shortage could not be avoided in the present circumstances.

Estate Louis Williams and the Secretary of the Government Canteen both inform me that unusual people have been buying Sugar in large quantities, however, all three importers claim they have no difficulty in getting supplies of Sugar but agree the Shipping Firms in U.K. are holding up Cargo for direct shipment in "Hanne-S"

Pollard. There is no shortage of this fodder, the three Dairies have a full supply and the ordinary person can buy up to 30 or 40 lbs this week, by then it is hoped a further supply will arrive in the Fitzroy.

*W. J. G. Munson*  
Competent Authority  
(Supplies).

*ACF. See 2/4 - we may be getting into difficulties with everyone asking for charter boat & freightage & then some is shut out*

*ACF we spoke 11/4/55*

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*15/3*

*14/3*