

1979 No. 1568

FOOD AND DRUGS

The Welfare Food (Amendment) Order 1979

Made - - - - - 3rd December 1979

Laid before Parliament 11th December 1979

Coming into Operation 1st January 1980

The Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales in exercise of powers conferred by sections 4 and 7 of the Emergency Laws (Re-enactments and Repeals) Act 1964(a) and now vested in them(b), acting with the Secretary of State for Scotland jointly in the exercise of those powers and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order as follows:—

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Welfare Food (Amendment) Order 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1980.

(2) In this order “the principal order” means the Welfare Food Order 1977(c) and other words and expressions have the same meaning as in the principal order.

Amendment of the principal order

2.—(1) In article 2(1) of the principal order (Interpretation) for the definition of “beneficiary” there shall be substituted the following definition:—

““beneficiary” means any of the following persons in Great Britain, namely:

- (a) an expectant or nursing mother who is in a family in special circumstances;
- (b) all young children in a family in special circumstances;
- (c) a handicapped child:”.

(2) In article 5(1) of the principal order (Entitlement to welfare food other than welfare milk) for the words from “if he is a person” to “beneficiary” there shall be substituted the words “if he is a person who is a beneficiary within the meaning given to that expression in paragraph (a) or (b) of the definition in article 2(1)”.

(3) In article 9(3) of the principal order (Use of tokens) for the words “a beneficiary of a class defined in article 2(1)(a), (b) or (c)” there shall be substituted the words “a person who is a beneficiary within the meaning given to that expression in paragraph (a) or (b) of the definition in article 2(1)”.

(4) In Schedule 1 to the principal order (Entitlement to welfare food other than welfare milk) in column (3):—

(a) 1964 c. 60.

(b) See Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968 S.I. 1968/1699, Article 2 and the Transfer of Functions (Wales) Order 1969 S.I. 1969/388, Article 2.

(c) S.I. 1977/25, amended by S.I. 1977/1492, 1977/1620, 1978/269, 1978/1876.

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- (a) for "10p" there shall be substituted "14p";
 - (b) for "24p" in each place where it occurs there shall be substituted "30p".

Transitory provision

3. Where, before the date of coming into operation of this order, a token has been issued for use after that date by an expectant or nursing mother, or in respect of a young child in the family, who, in either case, ceases to be a beneficiary by reason of the amendments made to the principal order by Article 2(1) of this order, such mother or young child shall continue to be treated as a beneficiary in the application of the provisions of the principal order connected with the use of such token to obtain free welfare milk or, as the case may be, welfare food, or with the loss or replacement of such token.

Patrick Jenkin,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

28th November 1979.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

29th November 1979.

George Younger,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

3rd December 1979.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order further amends the Welfare Food Order 1977, as amended by the Welfare Food (Amendment) Order 1977, the Welfare Food (Amendment No. 2) Order 1977, the Welfare Food (Amendment) Order 1978 and the Welfare Food (Amendment No. 2) Order 1978

- (a) by stopping the entitlement to welfare milk and food of expectant and nursing mothers and the young children not in a family in special circumstances when the tokens issued before the coming into operation of this order expire;
- (b) by increasing the prices at which Children's vitamin drops and Vitamin tablets for expectant and nursing mothers may be bought as follows:—
 - (i) Children's vitamin drops: from 10p to 14p per bottle;
 - (ii) Vitamin tablets: from 24p to 30p per container.

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