

523. WASTE OF FOOD FORBIDDEN

Statutory Rule 1424/1940.

Under this Order the wilful waste of food is prohibited.

“Food” means anything used by man for food, other than water, and includes any substance which ordinarily enters into or is used in the composition, manufacture or preparation of human food, and includes tea, coffee, and cocoa.

To waste food means wilfully or negligently allowing it to become unfit for human consumption or destroying it or failing to take precautions to preserve it, overstocking or hoarding it till it goes bad. A dealer in food, however, cannot be charged with hoarding it if he has been willing at all times to sell it at reasonable prices, and had no other way to dispose of it except by sale. An employer incurs responsibility for waste on the part of an employee unless he has taken reasonable steps to prevent it.

An authorised food inspector may enter and inspect any premises where waste of food is suspected, and may take away samples for examination.