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Please address any further communication  
on this subject to:—

THE SECRETARY.

Please quote the following reference—

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12th April, 1940.

Food and Drugs Authorities.  
Port Health Authorities.  
Certain Local Authorities.  
(England and Wales.)

Sir,

Bacon (Addition of Borax) Order, 1940.

I am directed by the Minister of Health to inform the Authority that a Bacon (Addition of Borax) Order, 1940, has been made by the Minister of Food under the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939. The effect of this Order is to set aside, subject to the provisions of the Order, the prohibition, arising out of the Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) Regulations, upon the manufacture or sale of bacon containing added borax, or of articles of food, other than bacon, containing borax which has been introduced by the use in their preparation of bacon containing borax. It will be observed that the Order does not refer to the importation of bacon, but in view of the fact that all importation of bacon is now on Government account, no action will fall to be taken by local authorities in regard to the presence of borax in imported bacon.

The manufacture of bacon containing borax will only be permissible under the authority of a licence from the Ministry of Food. The Order also contains certain provisions for the labelling of articles of food of which bacon containing borax is an ingredient.

Should any cases come to the notice of the Authority which do not appear to them to be covered by the Order, it would be desirable to consult the Divisional Food Officer with regard to any action which it may be necessary for him or them to take.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Clerk of the Council, or  
The Town Clerk, or  
The Clerk of the Port Health  
Authority.

Assistant Secretary.