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FOOD CONTROL
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Food Control

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SUBJECT: Purchase of Foodstuffs by the Allied Forces in ITALY

SCAO FIFTH ARMY
 SCAG EIGHTH ARMY
 SCAG REGION III
 SCAG REGION IV

HQ AMG
 15 ARMY GROUP
 CTF
 AMG/122/91
 20 Jan 44

1. The following is the substance of AMHQ Adv Adm Order No. 2 of 8 Jan 44:
 - "1. Owing to the shortage of foodstuffs available in occupied Italy for the civil population and the necessity for reducing to a minimum the shipping tonnage required for imports into Italy on civil account, it is necessary to issue the following orders :-
 2. All purchases of foodstuffs are forbidden with the following exceptions :-
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 - (b) The purchase of such fruit and vegetables as may be declared surplus from time to time by the Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board and released for sale to the Allied Forces.
 3. Purchases under 2(a) above will be regulated by the Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board.
 4. Declared surpluses under 2(b) above will be advertised in the UNION JACK, STARS & STRIPES and official orders.
 5. The following are specifically prohibited except as provided for under 2(a) above :-

(a)	Fish
(b)	EGGS
(c)	Poultry
(d)	Meat
(e)	Livestock Generally.
 6. All restaurants and eating houses will be put out of bounds to all Officers and Men of the Allied Forces with the following exceptions :-
 - (a) Clubs, restaurants, etc, organised and controlled by the Allied Forces themselves.
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2. Any AMG officer detecting a breach of the above quoted Am Order will 15143
attention of the Commanding Officer of the unit concerned to the Order and, failing satisfaction, will report the details to higher authority for necessary action.

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Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

SUBJECT:- Feeding of Patients in Civil Hospitals.

H.Q., A.M.C.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

NAF/500/35

6th January 1944

A.M.C. Fifth Army.
A.M.C. Eighth Army.
A.M.C. Region III.
A.M.C. Region IV.

1. It is considered that the subject of feeding of patients in civil hospitals requires further investigation than may have been possible in the past and it is requested that the medical directorate at your headquarters should be instructed to give careful attention to this and to take the necessary steps to effect the required improvement when such is indicated.

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Director of Public Health.

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