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188/84. VICTUALLING STORES—CLOTHING—INTRODUCTION OF JACKET,
FOODHANDLER'S, MAN'S (U)

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1. Jackets, foodhandlers', as worn by cooks in the Army and RAF are being introduced for RN and RM cooks and for male civilian industrial staff employed as cooks.
2. The long-sleeved garments in white drill are to protect wearers against scalds and burns and their adoption arises from the provisions for the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.
3. Initially the jackets are for wear in shore establishments only, in place of short-sleeved shirts at all times. Trials are being undertaken to determine whether the garments are also suitable for wear afloat. Other trials of trouser suits including long-sleeved jackets for WRNS cooks and civilian female cooks are also in train.
4. The new jackets are being provided on loan in addition to existing working uniform and protective clothing for cooks. Kit scales and allowances of loan items will however be reviewed when the current trials have been evaluated.
5. Jackets are to be issued on individual loan to all cooks on joining an establishment and are to be withdrawn when they leave. The scale of issue is six jackets and 12 detachable buttons and split rings per man. Stocks of jackets, buttons and split rings are to be demanded from PSTOs(N) by supply officers.
6. Full particulars are shown in the ANNEX.
7. **Badges.** Rate badges are to be worn on the left arm by RN leading cooks only, as detailed in Art 04366 of BR 81. Printed blue rate badges (Vocab 33002) are to be issued, one with each jacket on loan. Senior rates will wear their uniform caps and rate will be indicated by their cap badges. Scarlet on white rank badges are already provided for RM NCO cooks and are to be worn on the right upper arm (*see* Art 0633 of BR 81).
8. **Laundering.** The regulations in Appendix 18 of BR 96 for free laundering of RN and RM cooks' working garments are to be amended to permit either one jacket *or*, in ships, one cooks' shirt per day to be laundered at public expense.
9. **Civilian industrial staff.** Jackets, foodhandlers', are to be used by all male civilian cooks employed directly by MOD(N). The new jackets are to replace other patterns of long-sleeved garments in current use as such replacement of worn items becomes necessary. Arrangements for laundering at public expense are unaffected.
10. BR 81 and BR 96 will be amended. In the meantime, a copy of this DCI is to be retained within the covers of the relevant BRs and is to be removed only when its contents have been incorporated in the texts by the next routine amendments.