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PREFACE

THIS STUDY is an expansion of the chapter on Consumption and Rationing contained in the *World Economic Survey, 1939/41*. Consumption control represents an important aspect of war economy and the present study is concerned mainly with the impact of war controls and rationing on consumption and standards of living in countries for which information is available.

The figures relate to the spring or early summer of 1942. All care has been taken to assure the accuracy of the figures. But the shifting scene in a world at war renders it difficult to do so with complete confidence, especially as rations are frequently changed from one month to another. Minor changes effected by prolonging the rationing period are particularly difficult to follow. Nevertheless, it is believed that the general picture presented is an accurate one.

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