

MILK—SALE.

(Special Designations) Regulations.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE SALE OF MILK ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1927 (17-18 GEO. 5, CHAP. 17).

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The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in the exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 1 of the Sale of Milk Act (Northern Ireland), 1927, and of any other powers enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland in regard to the provisions contained in Article 7, hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Sale of Milk (Special Designations) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1927:

2.—(1) In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires—

“*The Ministry*” means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland;

“*Milch Cow*” means a cow kept for milking purposes;

“*Herd*” means the milch cows in respect of which any licence is applied for or granted, as the case may be, and includes any other bovine animal for the time being kept in contact with such cows while they are in milk;

“*Sell*” includes offer or expose for sale, and “*Sale*” shall be construed accordingly;

“*Dealer*” means any person who sells milk either by wholesale or retail under the special designation referred to in these Regulations;

“*Producer*” means a dealer owning or having the control of a herd from which milk sold under the special designation is obtained;

“*Veterinary Surgeon's Examination*” of an animal means a clinical examination (carried out in such manner as the Ministry may direct) by a veterinary surgeon approved by the Ministry, and “*veterinary surgeon's certificate*” means a certificate, in a form approved by the Ministry, signed by the person who has made such examination and certifying the result thereof;

“*Prescribed Tuberculin Test*” of an animal means a test made with tuberculin in such manner as the Ministry may direct, by a veterinary surgeon approved by the Ministry,

and "Certificate of a Prescribed Tuberculin Test" means a Certificate, in a form approved by the Ministry, signed by the person making the test, and certifying the result thereof ;

"Sample" means a sample taken by a person duly authorised in that behalf by the Ministry.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The special designation under which milk may be sold or offered or exposed for sale in pursuance of these Regulations is as follows :—

Grade A (tuberculin tested).

4.—(1) Every licence granted under these Regulations shall be in the form contained in the First Schedule hereto with such modifications, if any, as the circumstances may require.

(2) Subject as hereinafter provided, every licence shall be valid for a period ending on the 31st day of December in the year in respect of which it is granted.

5.—(1) Application for a licence must be made in writing to the Ministry.

(2) Before being granted a licence a producer shall submit a veterinary surgeon's certificate showing the results of an examination of the herd carried out not more than three months before the date of the application and a certificate of a prescribed tuberculin test of the herd carried out within a similar period.

(3) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations an applicant for a licence shall satisfy the Ministry that his arrangements for the production, storage, handling and distribution of the milk, as the case may be, are such as to comply with the conditions upon which the licence may be granted.

6. A licence granted under these Regulations shall be subject to the conditions set out in the Second and Third Schedules to these Regulations.

7. The fee payable for a licence under these Regulations shall be five shillings, but where a licence is granted for a period not exceeding six months the fee shall be two shillings and sixpence.

8. Before suspending or revoking a licence the Ministry shall serve on the holder a notice stating the grounds upon which it is proposed to suspend or revoke the licence, and shall afford the holder a reasonable opportunity of making such representations to the Ministry in regard thereto as he thinks fit.

Provided that a producer's licence shall not be suspended or revoked by reason only of his milk being found not to comply with the conditions of the licence after it has left his custody and control if he proves that such non-compliance was not due to any act or default of himself or of his servants or agents.

9. These Regulations shall come into operation on the Second day of January, 1928, but may be rescinded, amended or varied in whole or in part by the Ministry at any time as occasion may require.

In Witness whereof the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland is hereunto affixed this 22nd day of December, 1927.

D. L. Clarke,
Assistant Secretary.

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The Provisions contained in Article 7 of the foregoing Regulations are hereby approved by the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 28th day of December, 1927.

W. B. Spender.
Secretary.

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FIRST SCHEDULE.

Form A.

SALE OF MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS,
(NORTHERN IRELAND), 1927.

PRODUCER'S LICENCE TO SELL MILK AS "GRADE A" (TUBERCULIN TESTED).

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland hereby licenses.....

of.....
to sell under the designation "Grade A" (Tuberculin Tested) Milk produced in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed in the Sale of Milk (Special Designations) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1927, at.....

This Licence is not transferable and is subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in the above-named Regulations, and unless previously revoked will operate until the 31st December, 19.....

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

Form B.

SALE OF MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS,
(NORTHERN IRELAND), 1927.

DEALER'S LICENCE TO SELL MILK AS "GRADE A" (TUBERCULIN TESTED).

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland hereby licenses.....

of.....
(referred to herein as "the Dealer") to sell at or from.....

under the designation "Grade A" (Tuberculin Tested) milk purchased by the

*Strike out
whichever words
are inapplicable.

Dealer *(in bottles) as "Grade A" (Tuberculin Tested) from a person duly licensed to sell it under that designation *(and bottled by the Dealer at.....). This Licence is not transferable and is subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in the Sale of Milk (Special Designations) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1927, and unless previously revoked will operate until the 31st day of December, 19.....

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

SECOND SCHEDULE.

GENERAL CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH LICENCES MAY BE GRANTED.

- (1) The arrangements by which the milk is produced, stored, handled and distributed, as the case may be, shall be such as to satisfy the Ministry that the conditions subject to which the licence is granted are being or will be complied with.
- (2) The holder of the licence shall—
 - (a) Take such measures as the Ministry may require to ensure that the milk in respect of which the use of a special designation is authorised shall be kept separate at all stages from all other milk.
 - (b) Keep accurate records of the quantities of milk produced, purchased and sold, as the case may be, and of the names and addresses of the persons from whom the milk was purchased, and to whom it was sold, otherwise than by retail.
 - (c) Permit any person duly authorised by the Ministry—
 - (i) To inspect the methods of production, storage and handling.
 - (ii) To take samples of the milk free of charge, and
 - (iii) To inspect any records which the holder is required by the conditions of the licence to keep.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH LICENCES FOR SELLING MILK AS "GRADE A" (TUBERCULIN TESTED) MAY BE GRANTED.

A.—The following conditions apply to producers only :—

(1)—(a) The producer shall cause every animal of the herd to be submitted to an examination and to a prescribed tuberculin test at intervals of six months, and shall produce to the Ministry the veterinary surgeon's certificate and the certificate of the prescribed tuberculin test within seven days after the respective dates of those certificates. He shall not permit any animal to be injected with tuberculin except on the occasions of the prescribed tuberculin tests.

Provided that after two such tests where on each occasion no re-actor has been found and where no animal has been introduced into the herd other than an animal taken directly from a herd in respect of which a licence for the sale of "Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)" Milk is in operation, the subsequent tests shall be required only at intervals of twelve months.

(b) No animal, other than an animal taken directly from a herd in respect of which a licence for the sale of "Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)" Milk is in operation, shall be added to the herd unless it has passed a prescribed tuberculin test immediately before it is so added.

(c) Where any animal is certified as re-acting to a prescribed tuberculin test, it shall forthwith be removed from the herd, and where any animal is certified as showing evidence of any disease which is likely to affect the milk injuriously, it shall be isolated or removed from the herd as the case may require. The milk

from an animal so isolated shall not be sold as milk from the herd. The producer shall inform the Ministry of the reasons for the isolation or removal of an animal and in the case of removal, of the manner in which it has been disposed of.

(d) A suitable system shall be adopted for the marking for purposes of identification of the animals in the herd, and a complete register of such animals shall be kept; and

(e) The herd shall be completely isolated from all other cattle.

(2) The milk shall be either—

(a) Bottled on the farm immediately after production; or

(b) Transferred on the premises where it is produced to approved unventilated sealed containers. Such containers shall be labelled or marked in a suitable manner with the address of the premises, the day of production (with the word "morning" or "evening" according to the time of milking) and the words "Grade A (Tuberculin Tested) Milk."

(3) Every bottle containing the milk shall be closed with a suitable tightly-fitting disc and covered with a suitable outer cap overlapping the lip of the bottle, and so fastened as to form a complete seal. The cap shall bear the name and address of the producer or of the dairy where the milk is produced, the day of production and the words "Grade A" and either "Tuberculin tested" or "produced from cows which have passed the tuberculin test." The cap may also bear a statement that the milk is produced under licence from the Ministry of Home Affairs, but no other words.

B.—*The following conditions apply to persons other than producers:—*

(1) Except where the milk is delivered to the consumer in the containers in which it is received, the seals being unbroken, it shall be delivered either in bottles or in other suitable containers of not less capacity than two gallons.

(2) Every bottle containing the milk shall be closed with a suitable tightly-fitting disc and covered with a suitable outer cap overlapping the lip of the bottle and so fastened as to form a complete seal. The cap shall bear the name of the dealer by whom the milk was bottled, and the address of the licensed bottling establishment, the day of production, the words "Grade A" and either "tuberculin tested" or "produced from cows which have passed the tuberculin test." It may also bear a statement that the milk is produced under licence from the Ministry of Home Affairs, but no other words. Where containers other than bottles are used, every container shall be closed with a tightly-fitting cover and shall be suitably sealed and labelled.

C.—*The following conditions apply to all holders of licences:—*

(1) The milk shall not be removed from the bottles or the seals broken before delivery to the *purchaser*.

(2) The milk shall be produced and handled under such conditions that on a sample being taken at any time before delivery to the *consumer* the milk shall be found to contain—

(a) Not more than 200,000 bacteria per cubic centimetre; and

(b) No coliform bacillus in one-hundredth of a cubic centimetre.

(3) The milk shall not at any stage be treated by heat or be submitted to any process other than cooling.

ROAD VEHICLES.

Motor Cars—Licensing of Drivers.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLES TRAFFIC AND REGULATION ACT (N.I.), 1926.

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To the Councils of the several Administrative Counties in Northern Ireland;

To the Councils of the County Boroughs in Northern Ireland; and to all others whom it may concern.