

THE BUTTER AND CREAM (GRADING AND MARKING) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1936, DATED THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF AUGUST, 1936, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 4 (2) OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1933. (23 AND 24 GEO. V., CH. 22).

1936. No. 114.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") for the purposes of the Butter and Cream Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1936, and by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 4 (2) of the Agricultural Marketing Act (Northern Ireland), 1933, and of every power enabling it in that behalf, orders, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Samples of Butter for Grading.

1. Every producer of butter registered under the Butter and Cream Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1936, shall submit to the Ministry, for the purpose of grading, a quantity of butter of not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. net in weight, taken from each churning of butter made by such producers: provided that the Ministry may specially exempt from the requirement to submit samples as aforesaid any creamery which sells all, or substantially all, of its production of butter in bulk to a merchant or merchants in Belfast with whom suitable arrangements can be made for the inspection of such butter.

2. Every sample of butter submitted for the purpose of grading shall be carefully packed and despatched, carriage and delivery paid, as soon as possible after manufacture to such address as may be notified by the Ministry.

3. An officer of the Ministry or any other person authorised by the Ministry in that behalf (hereinafter referred to as an "authorised officer") may, at any time, take from the premises of a registered producer of butter, for the purpose of grading, a quantity of butter produced by such producer: provided that the sample or samples taken on any one day from the premises of any registered producer of butter by an authorised officer shall not exceed 7 lbs. in total weight.

4. Every sample of butter submitted by a registered producer of butter or taken by an authorised officer from the premises of a registered producer shall be wrapped in vegetable parchment paper of such quality as may be prescribed from time to time in Rules made under the Marketing of Dairy Produce Acts (Northern Ireland), 1929 and 1933, showing, *inter alia*, the registered number assigned to the premises of the registered producer under those Acts, and also the date and number of the churning by means of a code approved by the Ministry.

Grading of Butter.

5. Every sample of butter submitted or taken for the purpose of grading shall be examined forthwith and the creamery manager notified in any case where it appears that the butter will not qualify for the award of Premium marks. Thereafter the butter shall be kept in premises approved by the Ministry and shall be graded within a period of not less than ten, and not more than fourteen days from the date of churning. Each sample shall be graded in accordance with the following classifications by a grader or graders appointed by the Ministry :—

Premium ;
Below Premium.

The minimum requirements to be complied with by butter graded as Premium shall be those set out in that behalf in the following table :—

Heading.	Maximum Marks.	GRADE.	
		Premium.	Below Premium.
		Minimum marks.	Not more than
Flavour and aroma	120	115	114 marks
Body and texture	60	56	55 „
Packing and finish	20	19	18 „

6. The Ministry shall notify each registered producer of butter of the marks awarded in respect of each sample of butter submitted by him or taken from his premises by an authorised officer.

Marking of Butter Wrappers, Cartons and Packages.

7. The wrappers, cartons and packages used by a registered producer for the sale of butter of Premium grade shall be marked in accordance with the following provisions :—

All vegetable parchment paper used for lining the heads of packages containing butter in bulk or for wrapping bricks or rolls of butter, and all cartons used for packing butter shall bear the words :—

Ulster Creamery Butter,
Premium Grade.

“ Butter and Cream Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland),
1936.”

together with the Hand of Ulster in red surmounting or surrounded by the words “ Premium Grade.”

The vegetable parchment paper, cartons and packages shall, in addition, show the registered number assigned to the premises of the registered producer under the provisions

of the Marketing of Dairy Produce Acts (Northern Ireland), 1929 and 1933, and the net weight of the butter. The date and number of the churning shall also be shown, by means of a code approved by the Ministry, on the vegetable parchment paper and, in the case of packages, on the outside of the packages. No other marks or words shall be added to the vegetable parchment paper. In the case of cartons the words prescribed above together with the Hand of Ulster in red shall appear on two opposite sides of the carton. The third side of the carton may bear the name and address and trade mark of the registered producer, and the fourth side a description or guarantee with regard to the butter. The size of the lettering and the design of all markings on wrappers, cartons and packages shall be such as may from time to time be approved by the Ministry.

All vegetable parchment paper and cartons used in the packing of butter shall be obtained only through the Ministry.

No butter packed or marked otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Order shall be described or marked as of Premium grade.

8. A registered producer of butter shall be entitled to use the vegetable parchment paper, cartons and packages marked as described in Article 7 of this Order in respect of butter produced by him if and when samples submitted or taken as aforesaid from each churning of butter produced by him on ten successive churning days have been graded as Premium.

In the event of samples submitted or taken on any three churning days out of eighteen successive churning days failing to be graded as Premium or in the event of the registered producer failing to comply with the conditions of this Order, the registered producer shall forthwith forfeit the right to use the vegetable parchment paper, cartons and packages marked as described in Article 7 of this Order until such time as samples submitted or taken from each churning on twelve successive churning days have been graded as Premium or until such time as the Ministry may determine.

9. A registered producer of butter shall not use or allow to be used any vegetable parchment paper or cartons obtained through the Ministry, or packages marked as described in Article 7 of this Order, except in connection with the sale of butter of Premium grade.

10. A registered producer of butter shall keep such records and furnish to the Ministry such returns as the Ministry may from time to time require to enable the Ministry to check whether the vegetable parchment paper and cartons supplied to him through the Ministry and packages marked as described in Article 7 of this Order, have been properly used.

11. For the purposes of this Order all vegetable parchment paper, cartons and packages shall comply with the standards laid down in Rules made under the Marketing of Dairy Produce Acts (Northern Ireland), 1929 and 1933.

12. This Order may be cited as the Butter and Cream (Grading and Marking) (Northern Ireland), Order 1936, and shall come into force on the twenty-fourth day of August, 1936.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland is hereunto affixed this nineteenth day of August, Nineteen hundred and thirty-six, in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. Taylor,
Assistant Secretary.

Pig Industry : Form of Curers' Returns.

THE MARKETING OF PIGS (FORM OF CURERS' RETURNS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936, DATED 19th DECEMBER, 1936, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION TEN AND SECTION TWELVE OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING (PIG INDUSTRY) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1934 (25 GEO. 5, CH. 3).

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WHEREAS by Section ten of the Agricultural Marketing (Pig Industry) Act (Northern Ireland), 1934 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") it is provided *inter alia* that every licensed bacon-curer shall keep such records, and furnish to the Ministry of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") such returns and other information, in relation to—

(a) his production of bacon ; and

(b) his purchases of pigs for curing into bacon, and his sales of bacon (including prices paid and obtained) ;

as may be prescribed by the Ministry, and shall permit the said records to be inspected, and extracts therefrom to be taken, by an officer of, and authorised by, the Ministry :

And whereas it is provided by Section twelve of the Act that the Ministry may make regulations prescribing anything which is to be prescribed :

Now, therefore, the Ministry, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the said sections of the Act and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations, that is to say :—