

THE EGG MARKETING COMMITTEE (ELECTION OF MEMBERS BY LICENSED WHOLESALE DEALERS OF CLASS B) RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936, DATED THE NINTH DAY OF JULY, 1936, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION SEVEN OF THE MARKETING OF EGGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1924 (14 AND 15 GEO. V., CH. 15).

1936. No. 99.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section Seven of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1924, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Rules, that is to say :—

PART I.

Short Title and Interpretation.

1. These Rules may be cited as the Egg Marketing Committee (Election of Members by Licensed Wholesale Dealers of Class B) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1936.

2.—(1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires :—

“ Committee ” means the Egg Marketing Committee for Northern Ireland ;

“ Ministry ” means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland ;

“ Principal Act ” means the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1924 ;

Other expressions have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Marketing of Eggs Acts (Northern Ireland), 1924 to 1936.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), as applied to Northern Ireland by the Interpretation Act, 1921(b), shall apply for the purpose of the Interpretation of these Rules as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

PART II.

Registration of Electors.

3. The Ministry shall, for the purpose of the election of members of the Egg Marketing Committee by licensed wholesale dealers of Class B prepare and keep a Register of all persons who hold Class B licences granted under section one of the principal Act (in these Rules referred to as “ licensed wholesale dealers of Class B ”).

4. The Register prepared in accordance with the last preceding Article of these Rules shall be open for inspection at the office of the Ministry from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on such days, other than Saturdays, as the office of the Ministry is open for the transaction of business.

(a) 52-3V. c. 63.

(b) 12 Geo. V., c. 4. (N.I.).

PART III.

First Election of Members of the Committee.

5. The first election of members of the Committee by wholesale dealers of Class B shall be held not later than the 30th September, 1936, and the last day for the receipt of nominations shall be such day as shall be appointed by the Ministry for the purpose. The other proceedings in connexion with the election shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of these Rules and not later than the times mentioned in the First Schedule thereto.

Elections to fill Ordinary Vacancies.

6. An election for the purpose of filling a vacancy occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of office of a member of the Committee elected by licensed wholesale dealers of Class B shall be held not less than thirty clear days before the date upon which such vacancy occurs and the last day for the receipt of nominations shall be such day as shall be appointed by the Ministry for the purpose. The other proceedings in connexion with every such election shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of these Rules and not later than the times mentioned in the First Schedule thereto.

Elections to fill casual Vacancies.

7. In the event of a casual vacancy for a member of the Committee elected by licensed wholesale dealers of Class B occurring by death, resignation or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled in the following manner :—

Not more than ten days after notice in writing of the vacancy shall have been given to the Ministry by the Secretary to the Committee, the Ministry shall proceed to hold an election to fill the vacancy and shall appoint a day as the last day for the receipt of nominations. The other proceedings in connexion with the filling of the vacancy shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of these Rules and not later than the times mentioned in the First Schedule thereto.

PART IV.

Arrangements for the Conduct of Elections of Members of the Committee.

8. The Ministry shall, not later than the last day for the giving of notice of the holding of an election, give public notice by advertisement in two or more newspapers circulating in each County Borough and Administrative County in Northern Ireland, and such notice shall include a statement of the day appointed as the last day for the receipt of nominations, the number of vacancies to be filled, and the manner in which nomination papers may be obtained.

9. Each candidate for election shall be nominated in writing, and the nomination paper shall be in the form prescribed in the Second Schedule to these Rules, or in a form to the like effect. The nomination paper, which shall be signed by two persons as proposer and seconder respectively, and by at least eight other persons as assenting to the nomination, shall be sent by registered post to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Stormont, Belfast, so as to arrive not later than the day appointed as the last day for the receipt of nominations. The proposer and seconder, and the assentors to the nomination of a candidate for election shall be licensed wholesale dealers of Class B.

10.—(1) As soon as may be after the day appointed as the last day for the receipt of nominations, the Ministry shall publish the names and addresses of the candidates who have been duly nominated, together with a statement of the last day for the withdrawal of candidates and the manner in which such withdrawal may be made.

(2) Any candidate may withdraw his candidature by sending by registered post to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Stormont, Belfast, not later than the last day for the withdrawal of candidates, a notice in writing of such withdrawal signed by him.

11. If the number of candidates who receive valid nominations for election and who do not withdraw their candidature under Article ten of these Rules, is, in any case, equal to, or less than, the number of persons to be elected, such candidate or candidates shall be declared to be elected.

12.—(1) If the number of candidates who receive valid nominations for election, and who do not withdraw their candidature under Article ten of these Rules, exceeds the number of persons to be elected, an election shall be held by post in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.

(2) Where an election is required to be held, the Ministry shall, not later than the last day for the issue of voting papers, cause a voting paper to be sent to every person who was, on the fifteenth day of the month next preceding that in which occurred the day appointed as the last day for the receipt of nominations, registered in pursuance of Article three of these Rules and every voting paper shall contain a statement of the last day for the receipt of voting papers.

(3) Only such of the said voting papers as are properly completed and as reach the Ministry on or before the last day for the receipt of voting papers, shall be taken into account for the purpose of the election.

(4) The candidate, or where more than one vacancy is to be filled, the candidates, to whom is given the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

(5) If an equality of votes is found to exist between any candidates, and the addition of a vote would entitle any of such candidates to be declared elected, the Ministry shall, in the presence of the candidates or of persons (if any) nominated by them for the purpose, determine by lot which of the candidates whose votes are equal shall be elected.

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

(L.S.)

J. Taylor,
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Times for Proceedings at Elections of Members of the Egg Marketing Committee by Licensed Wholesale Dealers of Class B.

Proceedings.	Time.
1. Last day for the giving of Notice of an Election	Fourteen clear days before the day appointed as the last day for the receipt of nominations.
2. Last day for withdrawal of candidates	Four clear days after the day appointed as the last day for the receipt of nominations.
3. Last day for the issue of voting papers	Fifteen clear days after the day appointed as the last day for the receipt of nominations.
4. Last day for the receipt of voting papers	Twenty-one clear days after the day appointed as the last day for the receipt of nominations.

NOTE.—If any of the dates in the above Table falls on a Sunday, a Bank Holiday or other Public Holiday, the reference to it shall be construed as a reference to the following day.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Form of Nomination Paper for Candidates for Election to the Egg Marketing Committee by Licensed Wholesale Dealers of Class B.

Name of Candidate.	Full Postal Address of Candidate.

We, the undersigned, being licensed wholesale dealers of Class B hereby nominate the above-mentioned person as a candidate for election as a member of the Egg Marketing Committee.

Date,....., 193 .

Name in full (in ink).	Address in full (in ink).	As
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