

- (ii) if hen eggs are delivered to the holder of a retailer's licence at premises in any market, and if he has satisfied the Ministry that premises in such market were regularly occupied by him before the 1st September, 1937, for the purpose of the purchase of eggs, an additional halfpenny per lb. may be paid.

2. The prices applying under section one of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1936, to the purchase of eggs from producers by licensed wholesale dealers shall extend to the purchase from producers by holders of retailers' licences, who are also licensed wholesale dealers, of eggs for re-sale by retail.

3. These Rules may be cited as the Marketing of Eggs (Retailers' Prices) (No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1937, and shall be construed as one with the Marketing of Eggs (Retailers' Prices) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1937.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this eleventh day of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, in the presence of

(L.S.)

(Signed),

D. A. E. Harkness,

Assistant Secretary.

Rules.

THE MARKETING OF EGGS (AMENDMENT) RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1937, DATED THE FOURTH DAY OF JUNE, 1937, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE MARKETING OF EGGS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1924 TO 1936.

1937. No. 48.

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:—

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Marketing of Eggs (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1937, and shall be construed as one with the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1931, (a) (in these Rules referred to as the principal Rules), the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1933, (b) the Marketing of Eggs (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1934, (c) the Marketing of Eggs (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1935, (d) and these Rules, the principal Rules, and the amending Rules may be cited together as the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1931 to 1937.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1931, No. 91.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1933, No. 17.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1934, No. 24.
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1935, No. 117.

(2) These Rules shall come into operation (on the 15th day of June, 1937.

2. The specifications for No. 3: Standard cases and No. 3 Standard cases (large) prescribed in the Fifth Schedule to the principal Rules shall each have effect as if—

- (a) $13\frac{1}{4}$ " were substituted for $13\frac{1}{2}$ " as the internal depth of each compartment into which the cases are required to be divided :
- (b) the paragraphs entitled "Fillers and Flats" were deleted and the provisions contained in the Schedule to these Rules substituted.

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

(L.S.)

(Signed),

J. Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

FILLERS, FLATS AND PADS.

I. Fillers.

Fillers shall be of pulp-board conforming to the following specification, or of such other material as may be approved by the Ministry :—

- (a) *Material*—
The fibre of the board shall be of pure wood pulp, (mechanical, chemical or a combination of both) so treated as to comply in other respects with this specification ;
- (b) *Weight*—
The board shall be of substance equivalent to 360 grammes per square metre ;
- (c) *Bursting Strain*—
The bursting strain of the board, when tested by the Mullen Paper Tester, shall be not less than one-sixth of the weight specified in paragraph (b) above expressed in pounds per square inch ;
- (d) *Bulk*—
Not less than .030" ;
- (e) *Colour*—
White or cream ;
- (f) *Mineral Matter*—

The ash shall not exceed 3 per cent. on complete incineration.

Fillers of the type known as " ventilated " fillers shall not be used.

II. Flats.

Flats shall be of the corrugated type, or such other type as may be approved by the Ministry. The corrugated flat shall be placed between each pair of fillers with corrugated side uppermost.

The specification for flats shall be as follows :—

- (a) *Material*—
The fibrous constituent of the flat shall contain not more than 35 per cent. mechanical wood pulp, and the remainder shall consist of clean sulphite or sulphate wood pulp ;

- (b) *Weight*—
The paper of the back shall be of substance equivalent to 115 grammes per square metre;
The paper of the front shall be of substance equivalent to 175 grammes per square metre;
- (c) *Bursting Strain*—
The bursting strain of the back and of the front of the board, when tested by the Mullen Paper Tester, shall in each case be not less than one-fifth of the appropriate weight specified in paragraph (b) above expressed in pounds per square inch;
- (d) *Bulk*—
Front Paper .010/.0105";
Back Paper .0065/.007";
- (e) *Colour*—
White or Cream.
- (f) *Flutes*—
Per foot—32. The flutes shall be regular in shape throughout the length of the flat, and shall not be cut or dented.
- (g) *Height of Flutes*—
3/16".
- (h) *Mineral Matter*—
The ash shall not exceed 5 per cent. on complete incineration.
- (i) *Adhesive*—
Any reliable adhesive free from nitrogenous matter.

III. Pads.

Pads may be composed of a number of flats made in accordance with the specification set forth above and placed together with the flutes at right angles or may be of any other type approved by the Ministry.

Pads consisting of more than one flat shall be made in such a manner that the bottom of the pad shall be the plain side of a flat and the top side shall be corrugated. Where flats are fastened together to form a pad, the method of fastening shall be wire-stitching or the use of some adhesive substance. The wire used for stitching shall be treated in such a manner to make it untarnishable. Any adhesive substance used for fastening purposes shall be odourless, free from nitrogenous matter, and such as will not be injurious to the keeping quality of eggs.

A pad must be of a minimum thickness of $\frac{1}{4}$ " at any point in its entire surface under a continuous load of 200 pounds for a period of not less than 15 minutes. The thickness of pads formed by fastening two or more corrugated flats together shall be calculated by measuring the vertical distance, when under load, between the bottom of the under flat forming the pad and the top of the flutes of the upper flat. The thickness of other pads shall be calculated by measuring the vertical distance between the bottom of the pad and the surface on which the filler rests.

Four pads shall be used in each case of eggs. If pads composed of flats are used, the bottom pad in each compartment shall be placed with the corrugation uppermost and the top pad in each compartment shall be placed with the corrugation downwards.

IV. Marking.

There shall be printed or embossed on all fillers, flats and pads in a legible manner, either the name of the manufacturer or a mark which has been submitted to the Ministry as indicating such name.