

Land Cultivation : Grass Seeds and Fertilisers.

ORDER, DATED 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1944, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER REGULATION 62 OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

1944. No. 80.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (in this Order referred to as "the Ministry"), by virtue and in exercise of the powers under Regulation 62 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, delegated to it by the Delegation of Emergency Powers (Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order, made by the Secretary of State under paragraph (1) of Regulation 102A of the said Regulations, hereby orders and directs as follows :—

1. In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

"Holding" means the land held by an occupier ;

"Land" means land with respect to the cultivation, management or use of which for agricultural purposes the Ministry has power to give directions under paragraph (1) of the principal Regulation ;

"Occupier" means the person rated or liable to be rated to the poor rate in respect of the holding, or who would be so rated or liable to be rated but for the provisions of section one of the Local Government (Rating and Finance) Act (Northern Ireland), 1929, and includes, in relation to any holding the occupier of which is absent from Northern Ireland, any agent or other person entrusted with the management of the land on his behalf ;

"Principal Regulation" means Regulation 62 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

2. The occupier shall not allow any land comprised in his holding which has been ploughed to return to grass in the year 1944 or any subsequent year during which this Order continues in operation without sowing the land with grass or clover seeds.

3.—(1) Every occupier who sows down any land comprised in his holding to grass, with or without a nurse crop, in the year 1944 or any subsequent year during which this Order continues in operation, shall sow on the land a grass and clover seeds mixture in which—

(a) at least 20 lb. of Ryegrasses, and

(b) at least 3 lb. of Cocksfoot, and

(c) at least 3 lb. of Timothy, and

- (d) at least $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of Wild White Clover of United Kingdom origin or White Clover certified by the New Zealand Government Department of Agriculture as of "Mother Seed" or as of "Permanent Pasture" standard,

must be present in the quantity of seed sown on each statute acre :

Provided that this direction shall not apply to any person who sows on land commercially pure Italian Ryegrass, or commercially pure Crested Dogstail.

(2) In the application of the foregoing direction to an occupier of land situate in the County of Fermanagh, sub-heads (a), (b) and (c) thereof shall not have effect, and for those sub-heads there shall be substituted the following sub-heads :—

- " (a) at least 26 lb. of Ryegrasses ; and
 (b) at least 6 lb. of Timothy ; and
 (c) at least 2 lb. of Alsike Clover ; and "

4. Every occupier who sows down any land comprised in his holding to grass, with or without a nurse crop, in the year 1944, or any subsequent year during which this Order continues in operation, shall apply to the land a dressing consisting of—

- (a) not less than three hundredweight per statute acre of superphosphate ; or
 (b) not less than one hundredweight per statute acre of Concentrated American superphosphate, that is to say, superphosphate of lime containing more than 30 per centum by weight of water soluble phosphoric acid (P205) ; or
 (c) not less than five hundredweight per statute acre of basic slag, ground rock phosphate or semsol ; at a time within one month before or after the date of sowing the grass and clover seeds mixture mentioned in paragraph 3 of this Order, or, where that mixture is sown with flax as a nurse crop, at a time not later than the 31st day of October following the said date :

Provided that, in respect of land situate outside the County of Fermanagh, this direction shall not apply except where the land has been ploughed out of lea at a time subsequent to the 1st day of September, 1939, and has not since the said day borne a crop other than cereals or flax.

5.—(1) For the purpose of the directions given by this Order, compliance with any such direction by a person to whom land is let in conacre shall be deemed to be compliance therewith by the occupier of the land.

(2) The directions given by this Order shall be without prejudice to the operation of any directions with respect to the cultivation,

management or use of land for agricultural purposes which the Ministry may give, by notice, under paragraph (1) (b) of the principal Regulation.

6. This Order shall have effect notwithstanding any covenant, agreement, condition or provision as to the user of a holding, whether contained in any lease or other instrument affecting the holding or in any contract of tenancy or implied by law, and no such covenant, agreement, condition or provision shall operate so as to penalise, impede or interfere with compliance with the directions given by this Order.

7. The provisions of this Order are subject to any licences or authorisations which may at any time be granted or given by, or on behalf of, the Ministry.

8.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Grass Seeds and Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) General Order, 1944.

(2) The Grass Seeds and Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) General Order, 1942, and the Grass Seeds and Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) Amendment Order, 1943, are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this nineteenth day of September, Nineteen hundred and forty-four, in the presence of

(L.S.)

(Signed) *G. S. Robertson,*

Secretary.

Land Cultivation : Tillage.

ORDER, DATED 1ST AUGUST, 1944, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER REGULATION 62 OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

1944. No. 69.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (in this Order referred to as "the Ministry") by virtue and in exercise of the powers under Regulation 62 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, delegated to it by the Delegation of Emergency Powers (Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order, 1943, made by the Secretary of State under paragraph (1) of Regulation 102A of the said Regulations, hereby orders and directs as follows :—

1. In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

"agricultural purposes" has the same meaning as it has for the purposes of paragraph (1) of the principal Regulation ;

"arable" means cultivated or, in the opinion of the Ministry, capable of being cultivated ;