

she passes a qualifying examination in educational subjects and police work of the standard required for promotion. A second special advance of one increment may be granted after she has served for at least one year from the date of the grant of the first special advance of one increment if the Inspector General is satisfied that her conduct continues to be good and that she continues to show special zeal, general intelligence and proficiency in the performance of her duties ;

(e) The retention of an additional increment or special increment or increments granted under paragraphs (c) or (d) of this Article shall be subject to continued good conduct and efficiency in the performance of duty and if this condition is not satisfied the increment or increments shall be withdrawn."

4. " 6. Where a Constable who, at any time after completing her period of probation has resigned from the Royal Ulster Constabulary, subsequently rejoins the Force, the Inspector General may, if he thinks fit, allow the years which, at the date of her resignation, had been credited to her for the purposes of pay in the Force to be, in whole or in part, similarly credited to her for the purposes of pay on her rejoining the Force."

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**SALE OF ICE CREAM.**

REGULATION, DATED FIFTH DAY OF JUNE, 1945, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION TEN OF THE SALE OF ICE CREAM ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1937.

1945. No. 71

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in the exercise of the powers conferred on it by section ten of the Sale of Ice Cream Act (Northern Ireland), 1937, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations that is to say :—

For the purposes of paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) of section three of the Act, ice cream shall comply with the following bacteriological standards :—

When measured in liquid form ice cream shall contain—

- (a) not more than 200,000 bacteria per millilitre, and
- (b) no coliform organisms in one millilitre.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture this fifth day of June, 1945, in the presence of

(L.S.)

(Signed) *D. A. E. Harkness*,  
Assistant Secretary.

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**SCUTCH MILLS AND FLAX (FIRE INSURANCE)**

REGULATIONS, DATED 18TH APRIL, 1945, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE SCUTCH MILLS AND FLAX (FIRE INSURANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1942.

1945. No. 50

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "The Ministry"), in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section seven of the Scutch Mills and Flax (Fire Insurance) Act (Northern Ireland), 1942, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

*Contributions to the Funds*

1.—(1) Every person operating a scutch mill shall pay to the Ministry, to be credited to the Scutch Mills Fund, the sum of 2d. per stone in respect of all scutched flax fibre processed at the mill.

(2) The sum prescribed by this Regulation shall be payable monthly on request.

2.—(1) Every person on whose behalf flax straw is scutched at a scutch mill or flax factory shall pay to the Ministry, to be credited to the Flax Fund, the sum of 1½d. per stone in respect of all flax fibre produced on his behalf.

(2) The sum prescribed by this Regulation shall be paid by means of a deduction from the purchase price of the flax fibre, made by the Ministry of Supply on behalf of the Ministry, at the time of the purchase thereof.

*Storage and Precautions against Fire*

3. Every person operating a scutch mill or flax factory—

(a) Shall not at any time have stored in the mill or factory, or on the premises thereof, more than four weeks' supply of flax straw which is to be scutched ;

(b) Shall ensure that any such flax straw which may be in stock shall be at least 20 yards from the nearest point of the premises where the scutching process is to be undertaken ;

(c) Shall, as soon as the scutched fibre has been produced, cause it to be removed immediately from the premises where it has been scutched and to be placed in a separate store ;

(d) Shall ensure that the said premises, both inside and outside, and the area immediately surrounding the said premises, are kept free from an accumulation of inflammable waste matter.

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this Regulation every person operating a scutch mill in which any scutching of flax is carried out by hand—

(a) Shall provide, for each working stock at the mill premises, one fire extinguisher, being of an approved pattern and certified to be in good working order at all times, and so placed as to be conveniently accessible to the scutchers ;

(b) Shall keep available, in a place conveniently accessible from the said premises, a supply of water representing at least 20 gallons for each scutcher working on the premises, and shall

provide near this water supply two buckets or containers for each scutcher, such buckets or containers to be kept at all times readily available and in good condition.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this Regulation every person operating a scutch mill in which any scutching of flax is carried out by means of a mechanical scutching machine shall in respect of each mechanical scutching machine—

(a) Provide a minimum of four fire extinguishers, being of an approved pattern and certified to be in good working order at all times, and so placed on each floor of the mill as to be conveniently accessible to the workers ;

(b) Keep available, in a place conveniently accessible from the said premises, a supply of at least 200 gallons of water and shall provide near this water supply a minimum of six buckets or containers, such buckets or containers to be kept at all times readily available and in good condition.

(3) Provided that this Regulation shall not apply in the case of any scutch mill as to which the Ministry is satisfied that suitable alternative measures for extinguishing fires have been provided and the Ministry has by written notification informed the person operating the scutch mill that the Ministry is so satisfied.

5. Every person operating a scutch mill or flax factory shall keep, to the satisfaction of the Ministry, records containing the following information :—

(a) the name and address of any grower of any flax straw left with him for scutching ;

(b) the date on which the flax straw was taken into the mill or factory ;

(c) the acreage from which the flax straw was produced.

6. The following Regulations are hereby revoked :—

The Scutch Mills and Flax (Fire Insurance) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1943.

The Scutch Mills and Flax (Fire Insurance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1943.

The Scutch Mills and Flax (Fire Insurance) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1944.

7. These Regulations may be cited as the Scutch Mills and Flax (Fire Insurance) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1945, and shall come into force on the first day of May, 1945.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 18th day of April, Nineteen hundred and forty-five, in the presence of

(L.S.)

(Signed) *J. Taylor,*

Assistant Secretary.