

- (a) seed of the special strain of ryegrass known as " Aberystwyth S.24 (Hay type) perennial ryegrass " certified as such by the Ministry, or
- (b) seed of the special strain of ryegrass known as " Devon Eaver perennial ryegrass " certified as such by the Ministry.

2. This Order shall come into force on the twentieth day of October, 1949, and may be cited as the Ryegrass Seed (Exemption) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this twentieth day of October, 1949, in the presence of

(L.S.)

(Sgd.) *W. H. Long,*

Assistant Secretary.

MARKETING OF RYEGRASS SEED

REGULATIONS DATED 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1949, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 5 AND 11 OF THE RYEGRASS SEED (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949.

1949. No. 151

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations called " the Ministry ") in pursuance of the provisions of the Ryegrass Seed (Temporary Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, and after consultation with the Ministry of Finance and with such organisations as appear to the Ministry to represent the interests of growers and of persons engaged in the ryegrass seed trade hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say :—

Commencement

1. These Regulations shall take effect on the Sixth day of September, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Nine.

2. The Ministry hereby prescribes in the Schedule to these Regulations —

- (a) the grades and descriptions of ryegrass seed to be bought by or on behalf of the Ministry and the methods of ascertaining the grade of any ryegrass seed ;
- (b) the methods by which any disputes arising out of the grading of ryegrass seed are to be determined ;
- (c) the prices at which, the terms on which and the persons through whose agency, ryegrass seed or any grade or description thereof may be bought by or on behalf of the Ministry.

Short Title

3. These Regulations may be cited as the Marketing of Ryegrass Seed Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this Sixth day of September, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Nine, in the presence of

(L.S.)

(Signed) *W. H. Long*,
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

RYEGRASS SEED (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949.

TERMS OF PURCHASE

1. Ryegrass seed shall be delivered by the grower free of freight charges at his local grass seed market, or alternatively at the warehouse of a duly appointed agent of the Ministry provided that, in the latter case, no greater transport costs are incurred by the Ministry than would have been incurred if the seed had been delivered by the grower at his local market.
2. Ryegrass seed delivered to grass seed markets shall be delivered only between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on recognised grass seed market days and may not be delivered direct to the stores of sub-agents employed by the Ministry's agents.
3. All seed so delivered shall be weighed over a public weighbridge or, if a public weighbridge is not available, over a weighbridge approved for the purpose by the Ministry.
4. Ryegrass seed delivered direct to an agent's warehouse shall be weighed over the agent's approved weighbridge. Seed may be accepted at such warehouses on such days and between such hours as may be agreed between the Ministry and the agent.
5. The Ministry's agent or his sub-agent shall immediately on accepting delivery of the seed furnish to the grower or his representative a receipt showing the weight of seed delivered.
6. A grower who has delivered his seed shall not be at liberty to withdraw it.
7. As soon as may be after the seed has been weighed a sample shall be drawn from the bulk by one of the Ministry's official sampling officers who will attend at markets and at the agents' warehouses for this purpose.
8. The sample shall be divided into two portions, one of which, duly sealed, which shall be known as the Grower's Sample, shall be handed to the grower or his representative; the other portion, which will also be sealed, and which shall be known as the Ministry's Sample shall be labelled with the grower's name and immediately sent to the Ministry at its Headquarters, for the purpose of grading.

9. GRADES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF RYEGRASS SEED.

Description of Seed	Grade A		Grade B		Grade C		Grade D	
	Minimum Purity (P) and Germination (G) Percentages	Awned Seed Content Percentage	Minimum Purity (P) and Germination (G) Percentages	Awned Seed Content Percentage	Minimum Purity (P) and Germination (G) Percentages	Awned Seed Content Percentage	Minimum Purity (P) and Germination (G) Percentages	Awned Seed Content Percentage
PERENNIAL	P. 90	Nil	P. 85	Nil	P. 80	Nil	P. 70	Nil
	G. 90		G. 90		G. 85		G. 85	
ITALIAN	P. 90	Minimum	P. 85	Minimum	P. 80	Minimum	P. 70	Minimum
	G. 90	70	G. 90	70	G. 85	70	G. 85	70.

Seed below Grade D will be graded "Sub-Standard."

The description "Unclassified" will be applied to seed marketed as either Italian or Perennial which fails to satisfy the requirements in regard to Awned Seed Content percentage provided that the purity of the seed is not less than 80 per cent.

In these standards the expression "purity percentage" means the quantity of Ryegrass Seed (either Perennial or Italian or a mixture of Perennial and Italian) expressed as a percentage by weight of the whole sample, "Awned Seed Content percentage" means the quantity of Ryegrass Seeds bearing awns expressed as a percentage by weight of the total Ryegrass Seeds present in the sample. "Germination percentage" means the percentage by number of Ryegrass Seeds which germinate during a test. To qualify for a particular grade, seed must comply fully with ALL the requirements in regard to purity, germination and awned seed content (where specified) laid down for that grade.

GRADING

10. The grade of any ryegrass seed purchased by or on behalf of the Ministry shall be determined by a panel of graders consisting of three members of whom one member shall be nominated by the Ulster Farmers' Union, one member by the Irish Wholesale Ryegrass Machiners' Association and one member shall be an officer of the Ministry.

APPEALS

11. Notice of appeal shall be given in writing to the Ryegrass Seed Section of the Ministry within 21 days from the date of the Ministry's Payable Order pertaining to the seed in question.

12. Each notice of appeal shall be accompanied by an appeal fee of one pound (20s.) and the grower's sample which was drawn, sealed and handed to him or his representative when his seed was delivered.

13. On receipt of the appeal the Ministry shall have tested for real value at the Official Seed Testing Station for Northern Ireland the sample already in its possession which formed the basis on which the panel of graders originally graded the seed.

14. If, as a result of this test, the grower's seed is found to be of a grade superior to that originally applied to it the Ministry shall return the appeal fee to the grower and pay to him any addition to the purchase price of his seed already paid to which he is entitled owing to the raising of the grade.

15. If the test does not show that the grower is entitled to a superior grade then the grower's sample shall also be submitted to the Official Seed Testing Station for test as to real value and the grade shall then be determined on the average of the results obtained from both tests and this determination shall be binding on both parties and shall determine the grade on which the grower is entitled to be paid.

16. If the appeal be not successful the appeal fee shall be retained by the Ministry.

17. Seed delivered as Italian may, if necessary, be submitted to a fluorescence test and if it be found that not more than 10 per cent. of the seedlings tested react negatively

to that test it shall be classified as Italian and the results of tests for real value shall determine the grade.

18. For the purpose of appeals "real value" means the one-hundredth part of the product of the figures representing the percentage of purity and percentage of germination ascertained at the date of test and the following standards for determining grade shall apply :—

Grade A, real value not less than	81
" B " " " "	76.5
" C " " " "	68
" D " " " "	59.5

Provided that seed delivered by a grower as Italian must in addition to tests for real value qualify as such in the manner hereinbefore provided.

19. Seed having a real value of less than 59.5 will be classified as sub-standard.

PRICES

20. (delivered to nearest market)

Kind of Seed	Grade				
	A	B	C	D	Sub-standard
	per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.
PERENNIAL	55/-	50/-	40/-	32/6	15/-
ITALIAN	52/6	47/6	40/-	32/6	15/-

Seed graded "Unclassified" will be purchased at 40/- per cwt. provided that the purity of the seed is not less than 80 per cent.

AGENTS

21. The Ministry may appoint to act as its agents in purchasing ryegrass seed from the growers thereof during such period as the Ministry may think fit the persons or firms in the following categories :—

- those persons or firms who on the 31st day of July, 1949, were carrying on in Northern Ireland the business of machine cleaning ryegrass seed, and
- any other persons or firms who may make application to the Ministry for appointment as agents provided that no such appointment shall be made by the Ministry without prior consultation with the accredited representatives of the growers and of the persons or firms already engaged in the business of machine cleaning ryegrass seed.

SUPERANNUATION

*Adjustment of Civil Servants
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Adjustment of Civil Servants' Pensions in Relation to National Insurance (Amendment)

REGULATIONS DATED 14TH MARCH, 1949, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF
FINANCE UNDER SUBSECTION (4) OF SECTION SIXTY-SIX OF THE
NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

1949. No. 48

The Ministry of Finance (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry"), in exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (4) of section sixty-six of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 (a), and of

(a) 1946 c.23