

Address is presented to the Governor of Northern Ireland by each House of Parliament praying that the said Act should be continued in force for a further period of one year from the time at which it would otherwise expire, the Governor may by Order in Council direct that the said Act shall continue in force for that further period :

AND WHEREAS the said Act if not so directed to be continued in force would expire on the thirty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty :

AND WHEREAS an Address has been presented to the Governor of Northern Ireland by each House of Parliament praying that the said Act should be continued in force for a further period of one year from the time at which it would otherwise expire :

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM SPENCER, EARL GRANVILLE, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, Vice-Admiral, Governor of Northern Ireland, by and with the advice of the Privy Council of Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by paragraph (a) of sub-section (3) of section thirteen of the Ryegrass Seed (Temporary Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, do hereby order and direct that the said Act be continued in force until the thirty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

Given at Government House, Hillsborough, this thirtieth day of March, 1950.

J. M. Sinclair
Ivan Neill
Harry Midgley
Robert Moore.

Marketing of Ryegrass Seed

REGULATIONS DATED 31ST AUGUST, 1950, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 5 AND 11 OF THE RYEGRASS SEED (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949 (a).

1950. No. 151

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (in the Regulations called "the Ministry") in pursuance of the provisions of the Ryegrass Seed (Temporary Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, as having effect by virtue of an Order in Council made thereunder (a) and after consultation with the Ministry of Finance and with such organisations as appear to the Ministry to represent the interests of the

(a) 13 Geo., 6, Ch. 8, as continued by S. R. & O. 1950, No. 49.

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 thirty-first day of August, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

2. The Ministry hereby prescribes that —

- (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 ;

shall be as set out in that behalf in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Revocation

3.—(1) The Marketing of Ryegrass Seed Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949, (a) are hereby revoked but without prejudice to any proceedings in respect of any contravention thereof.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the revocation of the said Regulations in like manner as the said Act applies to a repeal effected by an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Short Title

4. These Regulations may be cited as the Marketing of Ryegrass Seed Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this Thirty-first day of August, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty, 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 Plus		Grade A		Grade B		Grade C		Grade D	
	Minimum Purity (P) and Germination (G) Percentages	Awmed Seed Content Percentage	Minimum Purity (P) and Germination (G) Percentages	Awmed Seed Content Percentage	Minimum Purity (P) and Germination (G) Percentages	Awmed Seed Content Percentage	Minimum Purity (P) and Germination (G) Percentages	Awmed Seed Content Percentage	Minimum Purity (P) and Germination (G) Percentages	Awmed Seed Content Percentage
PERENNIAL	P. 95	Nil	P. 90	Nil	P. 85	Nil	P. 80	Nil	P. 70	Nil
	G. 90		G. 90		G. 90		G. 85		G. 85	
ITALIAN	P. 95	Minimum 70	P. 90	Minimum 70	P. 85	Minimum 70	P. 80	Minimum 70	P. 70	Minimum 70
	G. 90		G. 90		G. 90		G. 85		G. 85	

The description "Unclassified" will be applied to seed marketed as either Italian or Perennial which fails to satisfy the requirements in regard to Awmed Seed Content percentage. Such seed will be graded as "Unclassified I" if the purity of the seed is not less than 80 per cent. and as "Unclassified II" if the purity is less than 80 per cent. but not less than 70 per cent.

All seed having a purity of less than 70 per cent. will be graded "Sub-Standard".

Marketing

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. "Awmed 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 awmed 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 Branch 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 Plus, real value not less than	85.5
" A, " " "	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 Plus	A	B	C	D	Sub-standard
PERENNIAL ITALIAN	per cwt. 62/6 57/6	per cwt. 60/- 55/-	per cwt. 54/- 50/-	per cwt. 40/- 40/-	per cwt. 25/- 25/-	per cwt. 10/- 10/-

Seed to which the description "Unclassified" has been applied will be purchased at 40/- per cwt. provided that the purity of the seed is not less than 80 per cent. and at 25/- per cwt. if the purity of the seed is less than 80 per cent. but not less than 70 per cent.

BONUS PAYMENT

21. A bonus payment at the rate of 5/- per cwt. will be made to growers of the crop harvested from the special seed distributed for sowing in 1949 under the terms of the Scheme for the Improvement of Perennial Ryegrass Seed provided that the seed conforms to standards to be fixed by the Ministry in regard to freedom from impurities.

AGENTS

22. 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:—

- (a) 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
- (b) 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.

SCUTCH MILLS AND FLAX (FIRE INSURANCE)

Contributions to Scutch Mills Fund

REGULATIONS, DATED 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1950, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE SCUTCH MILLS AND FLAX (FIRE INSURANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1942.

1950. No. 162

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 7 of the Scutch Mills and Flax (Fire Insurance) Act (Northern Ireland), 1942, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. In paragraph (1) of Regulation 1 of the Scutch Mills and Flax (Fire Insurance) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1945, (which provides for the payment to the Ministry of Agriculture by every person operating a scutch mill of 2*d.* per stone in respect of all scutched flax fibre processed at the mill) for the words "the sum of 2*d.* per stone" there shall be substituted the words "the sum of 1*d.* per stone".

2.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Scutch Mills and Flax (Fire Insurance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950, and shall be construed as one with the Scutch Mills and Flax (Fire