

RYEGRASS SEED

Marketing

REGULATIONS DATED 31ST AUGUST, 1951, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 5 AND 11 OF THE RYEGRASS SEED (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949 (a) AS EXTENDED BY THE RYEGRASS SEED (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) (EXTENSION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1950 (b).

1951. No. 159

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (in the Regulations called "the Ministry") in pursuance of the provisions of the Ryegrass Seed (Temporary Provisions) Acts (Northern Ireland), 1949, and 1950, and after consultation with the Ministry of Finance and with such organisations as appear to the Ministry to represent the interests of the 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 One.

2. The expressions "the Ministry" and "the grower" shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Ryegrass Seed (Temporary Provisions) Acts (Northern Ireland) 1949 and 1950.

3. 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

4.—(1) The Marketing of Ryegrass Seed Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950 (c) are hereby revoked but without prejudice to any proceedings in respect of any contravention thereof.

(a) 13 Geo., 6, Ch.8. (b) 14 Geo., 6, Ch. 25. (c) S. R. & O. 1950 No. 151.

(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

5. These Regulations may be cited as the Marketing of Ryegrass Seed Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951.

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 One, in the presence of

(L.S.)

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

SCHEDULE

RYEGRASS SEED (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949 AND 1950.

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. 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 shall 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.

8.

STANDARD 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	Awne'd Seed Content Percentage	Minimum Purity (P) and Germination (G) Percentages	Awne'd Seed Content Percentage	Minimum Purity (P) and Germination (G) Percentages	Awne'd Seed Content Percentage	Minimum Purity (P) and Germination (G) Percentages	Awne'd Seed Content Percentage	Minimum Purity (P) and Germination (G) Percentages	Awne'd Seed Content Percentage
PERENNIAL	P. 95 G. 85	Nil	P. 90 G. 85	Nil	P. 85 G. 85	Nil	P. 80 G. 85	Nil	P. 70 G. 85	Nil
ITALIAN	P. 95 G. 85	Minimum 70	P. 90 G. 85	Minimum 70	P. 85 G. 85	Minimum 70	P. 80 G. 85	Minimum 70	P. 70 G. 85	Minimum 70

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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.

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".

GRADING

9. 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, and thereafter, as soon as may be, the Ministry shall send by post to the grower a payable order for the amount due to him for the seed together with the particulars giving the quantity supplied and the grade so ascertained.

APPEALS

10. Where any grower is dissatisfied with the grade in which his seed has been placed by the panel of graders, he may, subject to the provisions of this Schedule, appeal to the Ministry.

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.) together with the "Grower's Sample" given to him or his representative when his seed was delivered.

13. On receipt of an appeal the Ministry shall submit the "Ministry's Sample" to the official Seed Testing Station for Northern Ireland for testing as to both purity and germination, and if as the result of such test the appellent grower's seed shall be found to be of a purity appropriate to a higher grade than that originally applied to it and to possess not less than the prescribed minimum germination, the Ministry shall, as soon as may be, return the appeal fee to the grower together with such additional sum for purchase price, as he shall be found to be entitled to as a result of the said test.

14. If the said test does not show that the seed is of a purity appropriate to a superior grade than that originally applied to it or if the germination percentage is less than the prescribed minimum, then a test shall also be made of the "Grower's Sample" at the said Seed Testing Station and the appeal shall be determined on the average results obtained from the testing of both said samples and this determination shall be binding on the Ministry and the grower.

15. In case there shall be a delay of more than one month between the date of the appeal and the completion of the testing of the seed, a tolerance of 1% for each month or part of a month, subject to a maximum of 6%, shall be added to the germination percentage as ascertained by the test and the germination percentage shall be determined accordingly.

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 flubrescence 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 grade determined by reference to the purity and germination as established as a result of the test.

PRICES

18. (delivered to nearest market)

Kind of Seed	Grade					
	A Plus	A	B	C	D	Sub-standard
	per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.
PERENNIAL	62/6	60/-	54/-	40/-	25/-	10/-
ITALIAN	62/6	60/-	54/-	40/-	25/-	10/-

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

BONUS PAYMENT

19. A bonus payment at the rate of 5s. per cwt. will be made to growers of the crop harvested from the special seed distributed for sowing in 1950 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

20. 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)

Flax Fund and Storage of Flax Straw

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD MAY, 1951, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE SCUTCH MILLS AND FLAX (FIRE INSURANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1942.

1951. No. 86

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. The contribution to the Flax Fund prescribed by Regulation 2 of the Scutch Mills and Flax (Fire Insurance) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1945, as amended by the Scutch Mills and Flax (Fire Insurance) (Amendment) Regulation (Northern Ireland), 1946, shall not be