

1. These Rules may be cited as the Marketing of Eggs (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1951, and shall come into force on the 15th day of August, 1951.

2. The Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938, as amended (a) shall be further amended by substituting for paragraph (2) of Rule 21 the following paragraph :—

“(2) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall not pack ‘new laid eggs’ for despatch to destinations outside Northern Ireland except in new cases fitted with new fillers, flats and pads, or in such other cases as may be approved by the Ministry.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 15th day of August, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-one in the presence of

(L.S.)

D. A. E. Harkness,
Secretary.

MARKETING OF FRUIT

Conditions of Marketing of Apples

RULES, DATED THE 31ST AUGUST, 1951, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931 (21 AND 22 GEO. V. c. 8).

1951. No. 168

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section Fifteen of the Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, orders and it is hereby ordered as follows :—

Definitions

1. In these Rules :—

- (1) the expression “Ministry” shall mean the Ministry of Agriculture ;
- (2) the expression “prescribed” shall mean prescribed by the Ministry of Agriculture ;
- (3) the expression “authorised” shall mean authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Application

2. These Rules shall apply to apples only.

Licences

3.—(1) Application for a licence shall be made in the form or to the effect stated in the First Schedule to these Rules.

(2) A licence shall be in the form or to the effect stated in the Second Schedule to these Rules.

Permits

4.—(1) Application for a permit may be made in the form or to the effect stated in the Seventh Schedule to these Rules.

(2) A Permit may be in the form or to the effect stated in the Eighth Schedule to these Rules.

Conditions to be observed by licence-holders or permit holders when consigning Apples from Northern Ireland under the authority of a licence or permit

5.—(1) A licence-holder shall maintain in Northern Ireland premises including storage and other facilities satisfactory to the Ministry for the handling and packing of apples. This rule shall come into operation on the first day of August, 1952.

(2) A licence-holder or permit holder shall :—

(a) not send any apples out of Northern Ireland to Great Britain or the Isle of Man save under the authority of his own licence or permit the number of which shall be clearly marked on each container ;

(b) be responsible for the standard of the contents of each container ;

(c) furnish to the carrier or person conveying the apples a Return of Shipment to accompany the consignment in the form or to the effect stated in the Sixth Schedule to these Rules. Where such consignment is loaded in two or more vehicles, the licence-holder shall furnish a separate Return of Shipment in respect of each vehicle. Where such consignment, loaded in one vehicle, includes lots consigned to two or more consignees, the licence-holder shall furnish a separate Return of Shipment in respect of each such lot.

(3) Graded apples sent by licence-holders or permit holders from Northern Ireland to Great Britain or the Isle of Man under the authority of a licence or permit shall be :—

(a) of the standards of quality as laid down in the Third Schedule to these Rules, and

(b) in containers which are of the types specified in the Fourth Schedule to these Rules and which are packed and marked as laid down in that Schedule.

Consignment of Culinary Apples below " Domestic " standard

6.—(1) Notwithstanding any provisions of these Rules, culinary apples which fail to reach the requirements for " Domestic " Standard as laid down in the Third Schedule to these Rules but which are Seconds (as defined in Part I of the Fifth Schedule to these Rules) may be sent for the fresh fruit market to Great Britain or the Isle of Man on and after 1st January, 1952, subject to the conditions that they shall be packed only in Box " X ", the specification for the construction of which is given in the said Schedule, and shall conform to the other requirements laid down in that Schedule.

Grade Designations

7. The Ministry hereby prescribes the designations Extra Fancy ("E.F."), Fancy ("F"), and Domestic ("Dom"), referred to in the Third Schedule to these Rules as Grade designations for the purposes of Section 10 of the Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, and the standards as to quality laid down in the Third Schedule to these Rules shall be the definition of quality referred to in that Act as "the statutory definition".

Small Consignments

8. The provisions of Part I of the Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, shall not apply to consignments of apples sent to Great Britain or the Isle of Man from Northern Ireland weighing not more than one and a half hundredweights.

Ungraded Fruit for Manufacture

9. Licence-holders or permit-holders may send ungraded apples from Northern Ireland to Great Britain or the Isle of Man subject to the conditions laid down in the Ninth Schedule to these Rules.

Containers for Apples sold or offered or exposed for sale within Northern Ireland to a retailer for the purpose of resale by him

10. On a sale or offer or exposure for sale of apples within Northern Ireland by any person to a retailer for the purpose of resale by him, such aforesaid person shall mark or cause to be marked on each package or container in which the apples are sold, offered or exposed for sale or delivered to the retailer, or on a label firmly attached to the package or container, in letters and figures not less than 1 inch high, the net weight of apples contained therein when so sold, offered or exposed for sale or delivered to the retailer.

Revocation

11. Rules specified in the Tenth Schedule to these Rules are hereby revoked;

Provided that the provisions of sub-section (2) of section thirty eight of the Interpretation Act, 1889 shall apply on such revocation in like manner as the said provisions apply on the repeal of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Commencement

12. These Rules save as is otherwise provided in Rule 5 (1) shall come into operation on the first day of September, 1951.

Short Title

13. These Rules may be cited as the Marketing of Fruit Rules (Northern Ireland), 1951.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 31st day of August, Nineteen hundred and fifty-one, in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. M'Allan

Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

M.F. 1.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE UNDER THE MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

- (1) I/We hereby apply for a Licence under the above-mentioned Act to send fruit to Great Britain or the Isle of Man.
- (2) I/We enclose herewith cheque for £1 being the annual fee prescribed by the above-mentioned Act for a Licence.
- (3) I/We hereby undertake, in the event of a Licence being granted to me/us, to comply with the provisions of the above-mentioned Act and of the Rules made thereunder and with such Rules and directions as the Ministry may from time to time issue.

Signature of Applicant(s).....

Full Postal Address

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.....

Date.....

To the Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Stormont,
Belfast.

SECOND SCHEDULE

M.F. 2.

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

Licence Number.....

LICENCE.

This is to certify that.....
of.....

in the County of.....is/are licensed under the above-mentioned Act to send fruit to Great Britain or the Isle of Man, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder and with such Rules and directions as the Ministry may from time to time issue.

This licence is valid up to and including the.....day of.....,19....

Dated this.....day of.....19....

Authorised Officer. .

THIRD SCHEDULE

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

STANDARDS OF GRADING AND QUALITY.

EXTRA FANCY ("E.F.")

Grading

For apples of a shape and colour characteristic of the variety. The diameter of any apple in this grade shall not be less than $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches for culinary apples and not less than $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches for dessert apples.

Quality

Apples shall be clean and in good condition, and shall be free from such blemishes or mechanical injuries as are calculated to impair their keeping qualities. The skin shall be free from blemishes other than those characteristic of the variety.

FANCY ("F")

Grading

For apples of a shape and colour characteristic of the variety. The diameter of any apple in this grade shall not be less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches for culinary apples and not less than 2 inches for dessert apples.

Quality

Apples shall be clean and in good condition, and shall be free from such blemishes or mechanical injuries as are calculated to impair their keeping qualities. Skin blemishes shall not exceed a total area of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch square on any one culinary apple or $\frac{3}{8}$ inch square on any one dessert apple.

DOMESTIC ("DOM")

Grading

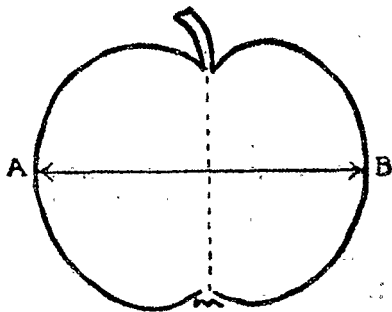
For apples of a reasonable uniform shape. The diameter of any apple shall not be less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches for culinary apples and not less than 2 inches for dessert apples.

Quality

Apples shall be clean and in good condition, and shall be free from such blemishes or mechanical injuries as are calculated to impair their keeping qualities. Skin blemishes shall not exceed a total area of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch square on any one culinary apple, or $\frac{1}{2}$ inch square on any one dessert apple.

N.B.1—"Clean" means free from dirt, spray residue and other foreign material.

N.B.2—The diameter as referred to above means the longest transverse dimension taken at right angles to a line running from the eye (blossom) to the stem as shown in the following illustration :—



The diameter of the apple in above sketch is the distance between the points A and B.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931

PART I

Packages and Packing Material for "E.F.", "F" and "Domestic" Grades

1. Apples shall be packed in any of the following containers, specifications for the construction of which are given below :—

- (1) British Standard apple box.
- (2) Box "Z"
- (3) Carton
- (4) Half-barrel (keg)
- (5) Quarter-barrel (half keg)

2. No packing materials may be used other than those specified in Part II of this Schedule, (Packing).

3. All packages and packing materials shall be clean and free from odours likely to affect the flavour of the apples.

Specification for Containers

1. "B.S.A." Box

Internal Dimensions		18" x 11½" x 10½"
Ends	2 pieces	... 11½" x 10½" x ¾" *
Sides	4 "	... 19½" x 5" x 1½" *
Top and Bottom	4 "	... 19½" x 5½" x 1½" *
Cleats	4 "	... 11" x ¾" x 1"

* All the above dimensions must be actual, not nominal.

The internal dimensions must be adhered to precisely. In assembling the box the boards shall be fitted close together at the centre and spaces left along the edges of the box. For nailing the pieces together 1½ inch cement-coated 14 guage wire nails shall be used. The nails shall be inserted between ½ inch and 1 inch from the edges of the boards forming the sides, top and bottom of the box. Two nails are sufficient to fix the end of each board to the end of the box.

LIDDING. One end of the lid should first be nailed down through the cleat, after which the other end can be sprung into position and nailing completed.

2. Box "Z"

Internal Dimensions	20" x 13½" x 10"
Two Sides	21½" x 10" x 1½" in two pieces.
One Bottom	21½" x 13½" x 1½" in three pieces.
Four Posts	10½" x 2" x 2" diagonally cut.
Two Ends	13½" x 9" x 1½" in three pieces. The space between any two boards must not exceed ¾". In addition a further opening must be cut at an equal distance from each end at the top of each middle board ½" deep and approximately 3½" wide. Alternatively, 1" space may be left between the middle and top boards at each end provided that a smooth chamfer is made along the whole of the inside edge of each of the four boards (two at each end). The chamfer must leave a thickness at the edge of not more than ⅝" or less than ¼" and have a face not more than ⅝" or less than ⅜". The space between the middle and bottom boards at each end must not exceed ½".

One Lid 21½" x 13½" x 1½" in three pieces with corners diagonally cut or alternatively a cardboard cover may be used.

Two Cleats for wooden lid 9½" x ¾" x 1".

Two Battens on the ends as hand grips 6" to 10" x 1½" x ½".

All the above measurements must be actual, not nominal.

All timber must be clean, dry and free from bark, wane and feather.

Timber which is not liable to split when nailed must be used in the corner posts, the lid, the cleats and in the top board in each end.

Fourteen gauge $1\frac{1}{2}$ " cement-coated wire nails only must be used throughout, save for fixing battens.

After the apples are packed, the wooden lid must be nailed through the cleats to the ends of the box and further secured by wire round the box at each end.

3. Carton

Internal dimensions $18" \times 12\frac{1}{2}" \times 10\frac{1}{2}"$

Construction Case to be a metal stitched case made from one sheet of double faced corrugated fibreboard, each face being .02" Kraft paper; inside flaps at top and bottom to meet and outside flaps to overlap. Two ventilation holes each $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter to be located 6 ins. apart in each end. The completed case must comply with Railway Clearing House specifications for fibreboard containers suitable for 60 lb. weight of goods.

Dividing Pieces Two scored dividing pieces to separate the case into two equal compartments must be used, each piece being made of a double wall of double faced corrugated fibreboard with the inside face of .016" Kraft and the outside face of .014 Chipboard.

Fastening The outside bottom flaps of the case must be sealed before packing, sodium silicate being used as an adhesive. After packing, outside top flaps must be folded over, not sealed, and secured with two wires or bands round the case placed between 2 ins. and 4 ins. from each end.

4. Half-barrel (Keg)

(a) Grape Barrel

Internal dimensions

Minimum diameter of head ...	...	...	...	14 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Minimum length between heads ...	...	...	...	16 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Minimum diameter at bulge ...	...	...	...	16"

(b) Standard 112 lb. Butter Cask

Internal dimensions

Minimum diameter of head ...	...	...	...	13 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Minimum length between heads ...	...	...	...	19 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Minimum diameter at bulge ...	...	...	...	15 $\frac{1}{4}$ "

5. Quarter-barrel (half-keg)

"Standard 56 lb. Butter Cask"

Internal dimensions

Minimum diameter of head ...	...	...	...	11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Minimum length between heads ...	...	...	...	19 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Minimum diameter at bulge ...	...	...	...	13"

PART II

Packing

1. Only apples of one variety shall be packed in any one container.
2. Apples packed in any container shall be so packed that any fruit exposed to view, or which would be exposed to view if the container were opened in the ordinary manner, fairly represents in size, maturity and condition the entire contents of the container.
3. "B.S.A." Box.

A sheet of corrugated cardboard $17\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 11 inches shall be placed on the bottom of the box with the smooth side next the fruit. Two sheets of good quality lining paper, 17 inches to 18 inches wide and not less than 23 inches or more than 32 inches long shall be placed in the box in such a way that they

cover the bottom and sides of the box and extend sufficiently far above the mouth of the box to cover over the top of the fruit when the box has been filled. In the same way two sheets 11 inches wide and 18 inches long shall be used to cover the ends of the box. The apples shall be packed in the box by the method known to the trade as the "diagonal pack". When the box has been filled, the lining papers shall be folded over the top of the apples and a sheet of corrugated cardboard $17\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 11 inches placed over the lining papers with the smooth side next the fruit.

4. *Box "Z"*

- (a) A sheet of corrugated cardboard, of a quality not less than 30 lb. to the roll, shall be placed smooth side next the fruit below the bottom layer and at each end of the box and another sheet above the top layer of apples, and no substitute for corrugated cardboard shall be used.
- (b) A wood wool or excelsior pad not exceeding one inch in thickness may be placed under the apples in addition to the prescribed layer of corrugated cardboard. Where a cardboard lid is used the sheet of corrugated cardboard above the top layer of apples may be dispensed with. The sides of the box may be lined with plain paper, if so desired.
- (c) The apples shall be firmly packed in the box and there shall be sufficient bulge on the top of the box to ensure that when the wooden lid is nailed down the apples are held firmly in position.

5. *Carton*

- (a) Only apples of "E.F." and "F." standard may be packed in this container.
- (b) No additional packing material is permitted.
- (c) The apples shall be firmly packed in the two compartments so that when the two flaps constituting the lid are secured the fruit is held firmly in position.
- (d) The lid shall be secured by means of two wires or two bands, one at each end of the carton. Each wire or band shall be not less than 2 ins. or more than 4 ins. from the end of the carton.

6. *Half-barrel (Keg) and quarter-barrel (Half-Keg)*

The apples shall be packed firmly in the barrel. No other packing save a single disc of corrugated cardboard, smooth side to the fruit, or a sheet of paper shall be placed below the bottom layer. When the barrel has been filled up to at least six inches of the top the inside shall be lined with paper which shall be folded over the rim of the barrel. When the barrel has been filled the overlapping paper shall be used to cover the top of the apples. A layer of wood-wool of sufficient thickness shall be placed on top of this paper to ensure that the cover with which the apples in the barrel shall be secured shall not damage the apples. Alternatively, clean, dry hay or straw or other material that will not taint the fruit may be used, provided it is secured in such manner as not to damage the apples.

PART III

Marking

1. Each "B.S.A." box shall have a stick-on label approximately 11 inches by 10 inches affixed to one end clearly printed, with letters and figures $\frac{1}{2}$ inch high with :—
 - (a) the number of licence or permit held by the consignor.
 - (b) the variety.
 - (c) the description "E.F.", "F" or "Dom."
 - (d) the net weight of apples in lbs. or the actual number of apples.
2. Each "Z" box when covered with a cardboard lid, shall be clearly printed or stamped on the lid with letters or figures $\frac{1}{2}$ inch high with :—
 - (a) the number of licence or permit held by the Consignor.
 - (b) the variety.
 - (c) the description "E.F.", "F" or "Dom."

- (d) the letters "AZ" if the box contains not less than 50 lbs. net weight or more than 54 lbs. net weight of apples or the letters "BZ" if the box contains not less than 46 lbs. net weight or more than 50 lbs. net weight of apples. If the box contains less than 46 lbs. net weight then the net weight of the apples shall be clearly printed on the lid. In the case of the "Z" box when covered with a wooden lid, the same particulars in letters and figures $\frac{1}{2}$ inch high shall be clearly printed on a label (approximately 6 inches by 4 inches) securely affixed to one end of the box.
3. Each Carton shall be clearly printed or stamped on the two ends in letters and figures $\frac{1}{2}$ inch high with:—
- the number of the licence or permit held by the Consignor.
 - the variety.
 - the description "E.F.", or "F".
 - the net weight of apples.
4. Each Half-barrel (Keg) and Quarter-barrel (Half-Keg) shall have a label securely affixed to the side clearly printed in letters and figures $\frac{1}{2}$ inch high with:—
- the number of licence or permit held by the Consignor.
 - the variety.
 - the description "E.F.", "F" or "Dom".
 - the net weight of apples.

FIFTH SCHEDULE

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

PART I

Definition of "Seconds" in the case of Culinary Apples

Apples referred to in Article 6 (1) of these Rules as "Seconds" shall be regarded as apples which are not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, are free from decay, are in sound marketable condition, do not have skin blemishes exceeding a total area of 2 square inches on any one apple, or any cracks greater in depth than $\frac{1}{8}$ inch.

Seconds may not be shipped until on and after 1st January, 1952 (see Article 6 (1)).

PART II

Packages and Packing Material

- Seconds shall be packed only in box "X", the specification for the construction of which is given below.
- No packing materials may be used other than those specified in Part III of this Schedule (Packing).
- All packages and packing materials shall be clean and free from odours likely to affect the flavour of the apples.

Specification for Container

Box "X"

Internal dimensions	...	...	...	20" x 14" x 13"
Ends	2 pieces	...	...	14" x 13" x $\frac{1}{2}$ " *
Battens for Ends	4 pieces	...	...	13" x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{1}{8}$ "
Sides	4 pieces	...	...	22" x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{3}{8}$ " *
Top and bottom	4 pieces	...	...	21" x 7" x $7/32$ " *
Cleats	4 pieces	...	...	14" x $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Fourteen gauge $1\frac{1}{2}$ " cement-coated wire nails only must be used throughout, save for fixing battens.

* These measurements must be actual, not nominal.

PART III

Packing

- Only apples of one variety shall be packed in any one container.

2. Apples packed in Box "X" shall be so packed that any fruit exposed to view, or which would be exposed to view if the container were opened in the ordinary manner, fairly represents in size, maturity and condition the entire contents of the container.

3. (a) A sheet of corrugated cardboard shall be placed, smooth side next the fruit, below the bottom layer and another sheet above the top layer of apples. No substitute for corrugated cardboard shall be used. The sides and ends of the box may be lined with plain paper, if so desired.

(b) The apples shall be firmly packed in the box and shall have sufficient bulge on the top and bottom of the box so that when the lid is nailed down the apples are held firmly in position.

PART IV

Marking

Each box in which "Seconds" are packed for shipment shall have a label (approximately 6 inches by 4 inches) securely affixed to one end clearly printed in letters and figures not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch high with:—

- (i) the word "2nds";
- (ii) the number of the licence or permit held by the Consignor;
- (iii) the variety;
- (iv) the letters "AX" if the box contains not less than 68 lbs. net weight, or more than 72 lbs. net weight of apples, or the letters "BX" if the box contains not less than 63 lbs. net weight or more than 68 lbs. net weight of apples. If the box contains less than 63 lbs. net weight, then the net weight of the apples shall be clearly printed on the label.

SIXTH SCHEDULE

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

Return of Shipment

SIR,

I/We have this day despatched by road/rail from.....
 Station, under my licence/permit No..... a consignment of Northern
our licence/permit
 Ireland apples packed as described hereunder:—

Number of Boxes "B.S.A."

Number of Cartons.....

Number of Boxes "Z" Number of Boxes "X"

Number of Kegs

Number of Barrels Number of Bags

Destination.....

Via the Northern Ireland port of.....

Signature.....

To the Secretary,
 Ministry of Agriculture,
 Stormont,
 Belfast.

Date.....

This form is to be handed to the person or carrier conveying the apples with the consignment to which it refers.

A separate Return of Shipment is required for each load and for each separate consignee.

SEVENTH SCHEDULE

M.F. 3.

Application by grower for Permit to send graded fruit to Great Britain or the Isle of Man under Section 4 of the Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland), 1931.

I hereby apply for a Permit to send to Great Britain or the Isle of Man fruit grown and consigned by myself.

Signature of Applicant

Full Postal Address

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Date

EIGHTH SCHEDULE

M.F. 4.

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

Permit No.

M.....of

is hereby granted permission to send apples from Northern Ireland to Great Britain or the Isle of Man. The conditions of this Permit are that each consignment of fruit sent thereunder shall:—

- (1) consist only of apples grown by the above-mentioned person ;
- (2) be graded, of the standards of quality, packed, marked and accompanied by a Return or Returns of Shipment as prescribed for permit-holders in Article 5 (2) (c) of the Rules made under the above-mentioned Act.

Signed

Authorised Officer.

Date

NINTH SCHEDULE

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

Shipment of Ungraded Fruit

Licence-holders or permit-holders may send ungraded apples from Northern Ireland to Great Britain or the Isle of Man on the following conditions :—

- (1) that the apples are in marketable condition ;
- (2) that the apples are packed in bags or such other containers as may be approved by the Ministry ;
- (3) that where *bags* are used the weight of apples in each *bag* shall not exceed 1 *cwt.*
- (4) that each bag is clearly and indelibly labelled and each other container clearly and indelibly marked with the words " Ungraded apples for manufacture " ;
- (5) that the fruit is consigned direct to a manufacturing concern.
- (6) that the number of licence or grower's permit is clearly shown on each container in the consignment ;
- (7) that each consignment is accompanied by a Return or Returns of Shipment as prescribed in Article 5 (2) (c) of the Rules made under the above-mentioned Act ;
- (8) that where apples are packed in containers other than bags the consignment note must be produced on request by an authorised officer.

TENTH SCHEDULE

Order Revoked

The Marketing of Fruit Rules (Northern Ireland), 1950. (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1950, No. 132).

AGRICULTURE**The Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1951**

REGULATIONS, DATED FEBRUARY 12TH, 1951, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 7 & 42 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949 (a).

1951. No. 27

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sub-section (1) of Section 7 and Section 42 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949 and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance hereby makes the following Regulations :

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1951 and shall come into operation on the 12th day of February, 1951.

2. In these Regulations, unless the content otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively :

“ arable land ” means land which is cultivated or which in the opinion of the Ministry is capable of being cultivated.

“ crops ” include grass.

“ net cost ” of goods means the cost as fixed and ruling under any Price Control Order in force or alternatively such cost as may be approved by the Ministry, less the amount of any discounts to which the purchaser is entitled but shall include any reasonable charges for delivery.

“ occupier ” means the person who is in occupation of the land and who is responsible for its management.

“ the Ministry ” means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

3. The Interpretation Act, 1899 (b) as applied to Northern Ireland by the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1921 (c) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(a) 12 & 13 Geo. 6 c.2 (N.I.). (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c.63. (c) 12 Geo. 5 c.4. (N.I.).