

Marketing

REGULATIONS DATED 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1952, 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).

1952. No. 180

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 twelfth day of September, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-two.

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), 1951 (c) 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

5. These Regulations may be cited as the Marketing of Ryegrass Seed Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this twelfth day of September, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Two, 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. On seed being offered, the Ministry's agent or sub-agent shall examine it and, if satisfied that it is of suitable quality and that it is not damp or showing evidence of having been heated, shall accept it, but if he be not so satisfied he shall reject it.
2. Provided he is so satisfied he shall accept delivery on behalf of the Ministry and furnish to the grower or his representative a receipt showing the weight of seed delivered.
3. Ryegrass seed so accepted 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.
4. 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. 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.
5. 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.
6. A grower whose seed has been accepted 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.

STANDARD GRADES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF RYEGRASS SEED

Description of Seed	Grade A Plus		Grade A		Grade B	
	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
	G. 85		G. 85		G. 85	
ITALIAN	P. 95	Minimum 70	P. 90	Minimum 70	P. 85	Minimum 70
	G. 85		G. 85		G. 85	

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.

Unclassified Seed. 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, provided its purity is not less than 85 per cent.

All seed having a purity of less than 85 per cent. or a germination of less than 85 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 purity and if as the result of such test the appellant grower's seed shall be found to be of a purity appropriate to a higher grade than that originally applied to it 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 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 and proper adjustment (if any) to price and appeal fee shall be made as provided in paragraph 13.

15. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 13 and 14, the Ministry reserves the right to take germination into account in determining appeals in those cases in which the seed has been graded as Sub-Standard by the Grading Panel because of low germination ascertained as the result of a test.

16. 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.

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

PRICES

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(delivered to nearest market)

Kind of Seed	Grade			
	A Plus	A	B	Sub-Standard
	per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
PERENNIAL	47 6	42 6	35 0	10 0
ITALIAN	47 6	42 6	35 0	10 0

Seed to which the description "Unclassified" has been applied will be purchased at 25s. per cwt. provided that the purity of the seed is not less than 85 per cent.

AGENTS

19. 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)

Storage of Flax Straw

REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH OCTOBER, 1952, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE SCUTCH MILLS AND FLAX (FIRE INSURANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1942.

1952. No. 188

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.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Scutch Mills and Flax (Fire Insurance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1952 and shall be construed as one with the Scutch Mills and Flax (Fire Insurance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1945 to 1951 and these Regulations and those Regulations may together be cited as the Scutch Mills and Flax (Fire Insurance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1945 to 1952.

(2) These Regulations shall come into force on 13th October, 1952.

2. For paragraph (a) of Regulation 3 of the Scutch Mills and Flax (Fire Insurance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1945 (which relates to the storage of flax straw) there shall be substituted the following paragraph :—