

1. The Ministry shall, for and on behalf of the Milk Marketing Board for Northern Ireland constituted by the said Scheme, undertake as respects a period of six months from the 10th day of November, 1954, to enter into any contracts necessary for the provision of any essential accommodation, equipment, supplies or services, the employment of officers and servants and the payment of salaries and wages.

2. The Ministry, if requested by the Board, shall as respects the above-mentioned period defray such expenses as may be properly incurred by the Board.

3. This Order may be cited as the Agricultural Marketing (Temporary Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1955.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this Twenty-fifth day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-five in the presence of

(L.S.)

*J. C. Baird,*

Assistant Secretary.

### Pigs

ORDER, DATED 13TH APRIL, 1955, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 1(4) OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1933.

1955. No. 62

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The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, after such consultation as is required and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (4) of Section 1 of the Agricultural Marketing Act (Northern Ireland), 1933, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. The Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1933, duly framed and approved under the Agricultural Marketing Act (Northern Ireland), 1933, hereinafter referred to as the Pigs Marketing Scheme, shall have effect subject to the provisions of this Order.

2. Paragraph 5 of the Pigs Marketing Scheme shall be modified to such extent as is necessary in order that it may be read and have effect as follows:—

(a) The members of the Pigs Marketing Board (Northern Ireland) (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") holding office at the coming into operation of this Order shall continue in office until the thirtieth day of June, 1955.

(b) The Board shall, as from the first day of July, 1955, consist of fourteen members of whom three shall be appointed members, that is to say, they shall be appointed and may be removed by the Minister, and

eleven shall be elected members, that is to say, they shall be elected by registered producers in the following administrative counties and according to the following numbers, that is to say:—

Antrim	...	...	3 members
Armagh	...	...	1 member
Down	...	...	3 members
Fermanagh	...	...	1 member
Londonderry	...	...	1 member
Tyrone	...	...	2 members

3. After paragraph 5 of the Pigs Marketing Scheme there shall be inserted the following paragraphs:—

6. An election of members for the administrative counties of Antrim, Armagh, and Tyrone shall be held in the year 1955 and in every fourth calendar year thereafter, and an election of members for the administrative counties of Down, Fermanagh and Londonderry shall be held in the year 1955, in the year 1957, and in every fourth calendar year after the year 1957. Every election of members shall be held in the month of June. Every elected member shall, subject to the provisions of this Scheme, hold office until the expiration of the day on which the next election for his county takes place.

7. An elected member of the Board whose term of office expires, or who resigns his office, shall be eligible for election or re-election.

4. Paragraph 8 of the Pigs Marketing Scheme shall be modified to such extent as is necessary in order that it may be read and have effect as follows:—

An elected member of the Board shall cease to hold office:—

- (a) if he delivers to the Board a written resignation of his office and the resignation is accepted by the Board or, if not accepted, is not withdrawn within seven days; or
- (b) if he is detained for more than seven days in any place under any enactment in force in any part of the United Kingdom relating to persons of unsound mind; or
- (c) if he is adjudged bankrupt or enters into a composition with his creditors; or
- (d) if the Board, by resolution, declare that he has been absent from six consecutive meetings of the Board without reasonable excuse; or
- (e) if he is convicted of any offence under sub-section (1) of section sixteen of the Act.

Sub-divisions (b), (c) and (e) of this paragraph shall apply to appointed members of the Board, and sub-division (a) shall apply to those members with the substitution of the Minister for the Board,

5. Paragraph 9 of the Pigs Marketing Scheme shall be modified to such extent as is necessary in order that it may be read and have effect as follows:—

If an elected member of the Board dies or ceases to hold office under the last preceding paragraph, the Board shall co-opt a person in his place, and any person so co-opted shall, unless he dies or ceases to hold office as aforesaid, hold office for so long as his predecessor would have held office.

6. Paragraph 10 of the Pigs Marketing Scheme shall be modified to such extent as is necessary in order that it may be read and have effect as follows:—

The Board shall at all times have power to act notwithstanding any vacancy among their members, and may appoint committees out of their own number. The Board shall, in accordance with sub-section (2) of section two of the Act, appoint an executive committee consisting of not more than eleven of their members and including the chairman and vice-chairman of the Board, and any appointed members thereof not being such chairman or vice-chairman. The chairman of the Board shall, ex officio be chairman of the executive committee. A committee shall not hold office beyond the next election of elected members of the Board, and shall report their proceedings to, and obey any directions of, the Board.

7. Paragraph 11 of the Pigs Marketing Scheme shall be modified to such extent as is necessary in order that it may be read and have effect as follows:—

The quorum of the Board and of any committee thereof shall be such as the Board may from time to time determine, but in the case of the Board, shall, until otherwise determined, be five, and shall not be less than that number, and in the case of any committee shall in no case be less than three. Questions arising at any meeting of the Board or a committee shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present, and in the case of an equality of votes at such a meeting the member acting as chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Three members of the Board may, and the Secretary on the request of any three members of the Board or of the chairman shall, convene a meeting of the Board.

8. Paragraph 12 of the Pigs Marketing Scheme shall be modified to such extent as is necessary in order that it may be read and have effect as follows:—

All acts done at any meeting of the Board or of any committee thereof shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment, election or qualification of a person purporting to be a member of the Board or the committee, or that a member of the Board has voted upon any question upon which he was not entitled to vote, be as valid as if that defect had not existed or such member had been entitled to vote.

9. Paragraph 14 of the Pigs Marketing Scheme shall be modified to such extent as is necessary in order that it may be read and have effect as follows:—

The common seal of the Board shall not be applied to any document except by the authority of the Board or of the executive committee of the Board, and the application of the seal shall be attested by at least two members of the Board authorised in that behalf and by the Secretary.

10. After paragraph 15 of the Pigs Marketing Scheme there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

16. The Board shall elect from among their members a chairman and vice-chairman who shall (provided they remain members of the Board) hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for election or re-election.

11. After paragraph 23 of the Pigs Marketing Scheme there shall be inserted the following paragraphs:—

24. Nominations of candidates for election to the Board must be lodged with the Ministry not later than the sixth day of May in the year in which the election is to be held. A candidate for election must be nominated, in writing, by two registered producers as proposer and seconder, and by eight other registered producers as assenting to the nomination, and his nomination shall be sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Stormont, Belfast, by registered post. The proposer and seconder and assenters to the nomination of a candidate for election shall be registered producers residing within the administrative county for which the candidate is nominated, whose names appeared on the register of producers at the twenty-third day of April in the year in which the election is to be held.

As soon as possible after the last day for the receipt of nominations the Ministry shall publish the names and addresses of the candidates who have been duly nominated. A candidate may withdraw his candidature by sending to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Stormont, Belfast, by registered post, not later than the eleventh day of May in the said year, a notice in writing of such withdrawal signed by him.

25. For the purpose of elections to the Board the electoral areas shall be the administrative counties of Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry and Tyrone. Elections shall be conducted by post, and not later than the thirty-first day of May in the year in which the election is to be held a voting paper shall be sent by the Ministry to every producer whose name appeared on the register of producers at the twenty-third day of April in the year in which the election is to be held. Only such of the said voting papers as are properly completed and as reach the Ministry on or before the fourteenth day of June in the year in which the election is held shall be taken into account.

12. Paragraph 28(a) of the Pigs Marketing Scheme shall be modified to such extent as is necessary in order that it may be read and have effect as follows:—

(a) The Board shall keep proper accounts and shall in respect of the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, 1955, and each subsequent year make out a balance sheet and either a profit and loss account or,

if the Board do not trade for profit, an income and expenditure account, and shall cause them to be audited by a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants or of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors or of the Corporation of Accountants, Limited, or of the London Association of Certified Accountants, Limited, and as soon as may be after the auditor has reported thereon and in any case not later than the thirtieth day of June, shall send to the Ministry and to every registered producer a copy thereof and of the report of the auditor thereon, and also a report by the Board as to the working of the Scheme during the year.

13. Paragraph 31 of the Pigs Marketing Scheme shall be modified to such extent as is necessary in order that it may be read and have effect as follows:—

The Board may regulate sales of bacon pigs by any producer by determining from time to time the prices at, below or above which, the terms on which and the persons to or through the agency of whom bacon pigs may be sold.

14. This Order may be cited as the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1955, and shall come into operation on the date hereof.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, in the presence of

(L.S.)

*J. C. Baird,*  
Assistant Secretary.

## AGRICULTURE (POISONOUS SUBSTANCES)

### Appointed Day

ORDER, DATED 24TH MAY, 1955, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 12 OF THE AGRICULTURE (POISONOUS SUBSTANCES) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1954.

1955. No. 90

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Whereas by sub-section (2) of Section 12 of the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954 (a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") it is provided that the Act shall come into operation on such day as the Minister may by order appoint:

Now, therefore, I, the Reverend the Right Honourable Robert Moore, the Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, hereby appoint the twenty-fifth day of May, 1955, to be the date on which the Act shall come into operation.