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GENERAL CHARACTER
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Marketing of Eggs

RULES, DATED THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1958, MADE BY THE MINISTRY
OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION TWENTY-ONE OF THE MARKETING
OF EGGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1957.

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The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section twenty-one of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1957 (a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Rules:—

PART I

GENERAL

Short Title and Commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1958, and shall come into operation on the 25th day of August, 1958.

Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:—

“The Act” means the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1957;

“Carrying Company” means any company, person or body of persons carrying eggs for hire or reward;

“Licence-holder” means the holder of a wholesale dealer’s licence under Section two of the Act, or the holder of a retailer’s licence under Section five of the Act;

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

“Producer” in relation to any eggs means the owner of the hens or ducks by which the eggs were produced;

“Test” in relation to any eggs means test singly by artificial light by means of the apparatus known as a “Daylight Tester” or by means of some other apparatus approved by the Ministry;

“The Board” means the British Egg Marketing Board;

“Registered Number” means in relation to a Class A licence-holder that licence-holder’s registered number with the Board.

Revocation of Existing Rules

3. The Statutory Rules and Orders set out in the First Schedule are revoked from the dates specified.

Forms

4. The forms set out in the Second Schedule hereto, or forms to the like effect, shall be used in the cases to which they are respectively expressed to be applicable, and shall for the purposes of the Act and of these Rules be deemed to be the prescribed forms.

Application for Licences

5.—(1) Every applicant for a Class A licence or a Class B licence or a Class C licence or a Retailer’s licence under Section one of the Act shall make application to the Ministry in the prescribed form, and each such application shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee prescribed in the First Schedule to the Act.

(2) The fee for a Class B licence shall be £5.

Exceptions under Section 7(2) of the Act

6. For the purpose of sub-section (2) of Section seven of the Act the following classes of eggs shall not be deemed to be stale:—

(1) Cold-stored eggs.

(2) Chemically-stored eggs.

(3) Eggs with an air space greater than $\frac{1}{4}$ ” which conform to the standard of quality prescribed in Rule 19 for hen eggs of second quality.

Responsibility of Licence-Holders

7. Anything in these Rules required to be done by a licence-holder may be done by the licence-holder or, on his behalf and responsibility, by a person authorised by him in that behalf.

Exempted Days

8. For the purpose of calculating the periods prescribed in Rules 19, 26, 31 and 34, there shall not be taken into account Sundays, Easter Monday, the 12th July, Christmas Day or any other public general holiday.

PART II

REGISTRATION OF PREMISES USED BY THE LICENSED WHOLESALE DEALERS

Application for Registration of Premises

9. An application for the registration under Section three of the Act of any premises used by a licensed wholesale dealer shall be made to the Ministry in the prescribed form.

Conditions applicable to Registered Premises

10.—(1) All premises owned or occupied by a licensed wholesale dealer for any purpose of his trade shall—

- (a) afford such space and be furnished with such equipment as will enable the trade to be conducted efficiently and expeditiously;
- (b) be sound, dry, well ventilated and of substantial construction, insulated against climatic extremes;
- (c) be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, and be free from any odour likely to contaminate eggs or packing material.

(2) In addition, all premises owned or occupied by a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall—

- (a) have suitable covered access for vehicles for the intake and despatch of eggs, provided that the Ministry may exempt from this requirement existing licence-holders where it can be proved to the satisfaction of the Ministry that it is not practicable to comply with it, such exemption to be reviewed from time to time;
- (b) have a grading floor on one level of such dimensions as will satisfy the Ministry that the operations connected with the intake, testing, grading, packing and disposal of eggs can be conducted with reasonable facility and despatch;
- (c) be provided with a reliable supply of electricity and water and adequate drainage facilities;
- (d) be provided with suitable separate equipment for the use of the Ministry's officers in carrying out quality tests.

(3) Any premises registered under Section three of the Act and used by a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A or of Class B for the purposes of his licence shall not be used for any other purpose, except with the permission of the Ministry.

(4) The owner or occupier of any premises registered under Section three of the Act shall give notice to the Ministry of any proposed structural alterations which would affect the registered premises.

Register of Premises

11.—(1) The Ministry shall prepare and keep a register of all premises registered under Section three of the Act and the register shall show in respect of any premises registered therein:—

- (a) the name and address of the licensed wholesale dealer by whom the premises are used;
- (b) the class of licence which has been granted to him under Section two of the Act;
- (c) the address of the premises and such description of the premises as may be necessary for the purpose of identification; and
- (d) the class of business in eggs for which the premises may be used.

(2) A licensed wholesale dealer shall forthwith notify the Ministry if any registered premises occupied by him have ceased to be used by him for the purpose of his trade as a licensed wholesale dealer, and the Ministry shall remove the entry relating to such premises from the register.

Certificates of Registration

12.—(1) The Ministry shall issue to the owner or occupier of any premises registered as aforesaid a certificate of registration, and such certificate shall include all the particulars required to be entered in the register kept by the Ministry in accordance with the last preceding Rule.

(2) The licensed wholesale dealer using any registered premises shall cause the certificate of registration relating thereto to be displayed in those premises in a prominent manner.

PART III

CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO LICENSED WHOLESALE DEALERS
OF CLASS A AND CLASS B

Collection

13. Where a licence-holder provides an itinerant collection service, such service shall be made available to producers at regular intervals of not more than seven days. Where a licence-holder provides facilities for the receipt of eggs from producers who deliver their eggs to the licence-holder's registered premises, the facilities shall be such as to enable the producers to deliver their eggs at regular intervals of not more than seven days.

Collection Cases and Labels

14.—(1) A licence-holder who receives eggs from any producer shall, unless the eggs are tested on delivery by the producer at the premises of a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A, pack them forthwith in a collection case complying with the specification prescribed in the Third Schedule. Existing stocks of collection case No. 1, made to the specification contained in the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938(a) may continue to be used.

(2) A licence-holder may use for the packing of eggs in a collection case either fillers and flats or egg trays according to the specification in the Third Schedule, but shall not use any packing material other than of these specified types. Where egg trays are used, the trays shall be of the large size and the cases shall be according to the specification contained in the Third Schedule.

(3) A licence-holder shall not pack hen eggs and duck eggs in the same collection case.

(4) A licence-holder shall pack all eggs broad-end uppermost.

(5) A licence-holder shall not use for the packing of eggs any collection cases, fillers or flats or egg trays which have not been provided by him and are not his own property.

(a) S.R. & O. 1938. No. 10.

(6) Where a licence-holder permits a producer to pack eggs on the producer's premises, the licence-holder shall, for the purposes of this Rule, be deemed to have packed the eggs himself.

Identification

15. A licence-holder shall identify all eggs received by him from producers in accordance with either Method 1 or Method 2 described in this Rule, but shall not employ a combination of both.

Method 1

- (1) (a) He shall, before packing any eggs in a collection case, insert in the label-holder a label in the prescribed form containing the following particulars:—
 - (i) the name of the licence-holder (in block letters);
 - (ii) the packing-number of the collection case as defined in (b);
 - (iii) the date of receipt from the producer (including day of the week); and
 - (iv) the initials of or other reference which shall identify the person by whom the eggs were received from the producer.
 - (b) He shall number consecutively in the order in which they are filled the collection cases used by him on any day for the packing of eggs, and the number so applied to any case shall be the packing-number of that case.
 - (c) He shall not pack in any collection case any eggs received by him on any date other than that set forth as the date of receipt on the label attached to the case.
- (2) (a) He shall, on receipt of the eggs by him from the producer, place with each lot of eggs an identification receipt in the prescribed form on which shall be entered in a clear and indelible manner the following particulars:—
 - (i) the name and licence number of the licence-holder;
 - (ii) the initials of or other reference which shall identify the person by whom the eggs were received from the producer;
 - (iii) the date of receipt;
 - (iv) the name and address of the producer; and
 - (v) the number of the hen eggs received from the producer; or
 - (vi) the number of duck eggs received from the producer.
 - (b) He shall place each receipt with the lot of eggs to which it refers in such manner as will enable the said lot to be identified, and such receipt shall not be removed until the eggs are being unpacked for the purpose of being tested in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.

- (c) He shall give to the producer a copy of the identification receipt and he shall himself retain a copy—and such retained copy shall not at any time be detached from the book of which it forms part.

Method 2

He shall place in each case a separate identification receipt in respect of each lot of eggs in that case and the identification receipts and copies shall be prepared, inserted with the eggs and distributed in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) of Method 1.

Collection and Packing of Eggs

16. A licence-holder shall ensure that:—

(1) All eggs received by him are packed, carried and stored under complete shelter from adverse weather conditions;

(2) no vehicle is used for the purpose of the collection of eggs, unless it is so constructed and furnished with such hood or other cover as will satisfy the Ministry that the eggs can be packed and carried in accordance with the provisions of this Rule;

(3) there is not carried on any vehicle used by him for the purpose of the collection of eggs, any commodity in such close proximity to the eggs as is likely to contaminate them;

(4) all cases and packing material used by him for the purpose of his trade are kept dry and free from any odour likely to cause contamination and are maintained in a condition of cleanliness and good order;

(5) all cases of eggs in his possession are adequately protected from dampness, adverse weather conditions and any odour likely to contaminate the eggs contained therein.

Washing of Eggs

17. A licence-holder shall not wash, steep or otherwise clean or permit to be washed, steeped or otherwise cleaned any eggs which are in his possession for the purposes of his trade.

PART IV

CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO LICENSED WHOLESALE DEALERS
OF CLASS A

Testing of Eggs

18. A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall from time to time satisfy the Ministry that he has provided at each of his premises where testing is carried on, such a number of persons with adequate knowledge and experience of the testing of eggs as is, in the opinion of the Ministry sufficient for the proper testing of eggs at those premises.

19.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall test all eggs which have been received by him from a producer not more than two days after such receipt and shall test all eggs which have been received by him from a licensed wholesale dealer of Class B not more than one day after such receipt.

(2) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall classify all eggs tested by him in pursuance of sub-paragraph (1) of this Rule into the following classes:—

(a) *Hen Eggs*:

- (i) *First quality eggs*:
Eggs free from taint. Shell clean and unstained, sound and of good texture and shape. Contents free from visible blemish and discolouration. Yolk central, translucent, faintly but not clearly defined. White translucent. Air space not exceeding $\frac{1}{4}$ " in depth.
- (ii) *Soiled eggs otherwise of first quality*:
Eggs, the shells of which are soiled or dirty but which otherwise conform to the specification for first quality eggs.
- (iii) *Cracked eggs otherwise of first quality*:
Eggs, the shells of which are cracked, but which otherwise conform to the specification for first quality eggs, but shall not include eggs, the shells of which are so cracked as to permit the leakage of the contents.
- (iv) *Second quality eggs*:
Eggs not of first quality but which conform to the following description:—

Yolk visible, swinging freely; free from mould or rot or marked discolouration and showing no blood ring. White translucent; free from diffused blood, mould growth, rot and cloudiness.

(b) *Duck Eggs*:

First quality eggs: Eggs free from taint. Shell clean and unstained, sound and of good texture and shape. Contents free from visible blemish and discolouration. Yolk central and translucent. White translucent. Air space not exceeding $\frac{1}{4}$ " in depth.

(c) *Reject Eggs*:

Hen or duck eggs which do not comply with the standards prescribed in (a) and (b) above, provided that eggs preserved by any process shall not be classified as reject eggs if they comply in other respects with the standards prescribed.

Grading of Tested Eggs

20. A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall forthwith after testing grade all hen eggs of first quality, which are $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. or more in weight, into such grades and in accordance with such directions as may be prescribed in the Eggs (Protection of Guarantees) Order, 1958(a) or such Order as may be, for the time being, in force.

Marking of Tested and Graded Eggs

21. A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall forthwith mark every tested and graded egg in accordance with the following provisions:—

(a) S.I. 1958, No. 957.

(1) Every hen egg which is found on being tested to be a first quality egg, or a soiled egg otherwise of first quality, and which is $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. or more in weight, and every duck egg which on being tested is found to be a first quality egg, shall be marked on the shell in such manner and with such stamp as may be prescribed in the Eggs (Protection of Guarantees) Order, 1958 or such Order as may be, for the time being, in force.

(2) Every hen egg which is found on being tested to be a first quality egg, or a soiled egg otherwise of first quality, and which is less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. in weight, shall be marked on the shell in a legible and indelible manner with the words "Extra Small" in letters not less than one-eighth of an inch in height and with the licence-holder's registered number, the words and number being contained in a circle of not less than three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

(3) Every hen egg which is found on being tested to be a cracked egg otherwise of first quality shall be marked on the shell in a legible and indelible manner with the word "Crack" in letters not less than one-eighth of an inch in height and with the licence-holder's registered number, the word and number being contained in a circle of not less than three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

(4) Every hen egg which is found on being tested to be a second quality egg shall be marked on the shell in a legible and indelible manner with the word "Second" in letters not less than one-eighth of an inch in height, and with the licence-holder's registered number, the word and number being contained in a circle of not less than three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

(5) Every egg which is found on being tested to be a reject egg shall be marked on the shell in a legible and indelible manner with the word "Reject" in letters not less than one-eighth of an inch in height, the word being contained in a circle of not less than three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

Completion and Return of Identification Receipts

22.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall, immediately after testing and grading any eggs, legibly and indelibly enter on each identification receipt the number of eggs of each class which have been marked in accordance with the provisions of Rule 21.

(2) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall, within seven days of the date of the receipt of the eggs by him, return to each producer from whom he received eggs, the identification receipt relating to such eggs, the receipt having been duly completed by the licensed wholesale dealer of Class A, stamped with his name and initialled by the person who tested the eggs.

(3) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall, within three days of the date of the receipt of the eggs by him, return to each licensed wholesale dealer of Class B from whom he received the eggs, the identification receipts relating to such eggs, particulars of the testers' reports having been inserted thereon by the licensed wholesale dealer of Class A, and the receipts

stamped with his name and initialled by the person who tested the eggs.

Packing of Tested and Graded Eggs

23.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall forthwith after testing and grading pack all eggs.

(2) Tested eggs of one class and one grade only shall be packed in any one case.

(3) Hen and duck eggs shall not be packed in the same case.

Delivery Cases and Packing Material

24. A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall, for the packing and despatch of all tested and graded eggs, comply with the following requirements:—

(1) He shall use only Delivery Cases No. 1 or No. 2 constructed of the materials and in accordance with the specifications prescribed in the Third Schedule and either fillers and flats or egg trays manufactured to the specification contained in the Third Schedule; provided that the Ministry may approve the use of special types of cases and packing material to meet special market needs.

(2) He shall use for the export of eggs only:

(a) new fibreboard cases, new wooden cases or second-hand wooden cases which have been effectively reconditioned before re-use; and

(b) new fillers and flats or new egg trays.

(3) He shall use for the movement of eggs within Northern Ireland only:

(a) new fibreboard cases, or new wooden cases or clean and properly maintained second-hand wooden cases; and

(b) clean and sound fillers and flats or egg trays.

(4) He shall not use any collection cases.

Marking of Delivery Cases.

25. A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall, at the time of packing, mark all delivery cases containing tested and graded eggs in accordance with the following provisions:—

(1) All cases shall be labelled with a label approved by the Ministry, on each end of the case, with letters not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in height indicating:—

(a) the licence-holder's registered number;

(b) the grade designation or class as appropriate; and

(c) the date of testing, which shall be indicated by means of such code as is directed by the Board.

(2) All cases shall be stamped or labelled centrally on the inside of each end of the case with the date of testing.

(3) In each case there shall be enclosed a ticket on which shall be shown:—

(a) the licence-holder's registered number;

(b) the initials of, or other reference which shall identify the person or persons who packed the eggs;

- (c) the date of testing; and
 - (d) the initials of, or other reference which shall identify the person or persons who tested the eggs.
- (4) The markings prescribed in sub-paragraph (1) of this Rule are additional to those prescribed in Rule 42 for use in connection with preserved, cold-stored, chemically-stored or pickled eggs.

Despatch

26.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall despatch from his registered premises all eggs for sale by wholesale in Northern Ireland within three days from the date on which the eggs were tested by him. Where he has purchased eggs from another licensed wholesale dealer of Class A, he shall despatch all such eggs from his registered premises within three days from the date on which the eggs were tested by the licensed wholesale dealer of Class A from whom he purchased the eggs.

(2) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall deliver into the custody of the shipping company all eggs for sale or consignment to Great Britain or the Isle of Man at such time as will permit them to be shipped within two days from the date on which the eggs were tested by him. Where he has purchased eggs from another licensed wholesale dealer of Class A, he shall deliver all such eggs into the custody of the shipping company at such time as will permit them to be shipped within two days from the date on which the eggs were tested by the licensed wholesale dealer of Class A from whom he purchased the eggs.

Records

27.—(1) *Purchases*: A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall keep a record showing in respect of each day:—

- (a) the name and address of every producer and of every wholesale dealer of Class B from whom he received eggs and the number of hen eggs of each class, the number of duck eggs of each class and the number of eggs disposed of as waste, which resulted from the classifying of such eggs, in accordance with Rule 19;
- (b) the name and address of every wholesale dealer of Class A from whom he purchased eggs and the number of hen eggs of each class and grade and the number of duck eggs purchased; and
- (c) the name and address of every other person from whom he purchased eggs and the number of hen eggs of each class and grade and the number of duck eggs purchased.

(2) *Disposals*: A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall, in respect of each day, keep the following record of his disposals of eggs:—

- (a) the name and address of every person in Northern Ireland to whom he sold eggs, the number of each class and grade of hen eggs and the number of duck eggs sold to each, such record to include the following information:—

- (i) sales to retailers, including self;
- (ii) sales to caterers, bakers and manufacturers;
- (iii) sales to other wholesale dealers of Class A;
- (iv) sales to wholesale dealers of Class C;
- (v) eggs made into liquid;

(b) in respect of each consignment of eggs despatched to a place outside Northern Ireland:—

- (i) the date of despatch;
- (ii) the number of each class and grade of hen eggs and the number of duck eggs;
- (iii) the destination and the route by which the consignment was despatched;

(c) the number of eggs disposed of as rejects and waste.

(3) Every licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall retain every record required to be kept by him under this Rule for a period of at least twelve months from the date to which the record applies.

Returns

28. A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall complete and furnish to the Ministry, not later than the Tuesday following the end of the week to which the return relates, a return, in the form prescribed in the Second Schedule, of the quantities of eggs purchased and disposed of by him during each calendar week.

Fees

29.—(1) The fees payable to the Ministry in respect of eggs exported by a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall be at the rate of one halfpenny for each 30 dozen eggs so exported.

(2) The fees shall be payable on eggs despatched for shipment during each period ending on the last Saturday of March, June, September and December in each year.

(3) The amount of fees due for any period shall be paid to the Ministry within fourteen days from the end of the period.

Transit

30.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall not despatch any eggs to Great Britain or the Isle of Man through any port other than:—

- (a) Belfast, Larne or Londonderry, or
- (b) for any individual consignments, any other port or aerodrome provided that reasonable prior notification has been given to the Ministry of the licence-holder's intention to despatch such individual consignment.

(2) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall not despatch any eggs to the Irish Republic unless he has given to the Ministry reasonable prior notification of his intention to despatch such eggs.

PART V

CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO LICENSED WHOLESALE DEALERS OF CLASS B

Delivery of Eggs to Licensed Wholesale Dealers of Class A

31. A licensed wholesaler of Class B shall, not later than the second day following the day of receipt by him, deliver all eggs to a licensed wholesaler of Class A.

Return of Identification Receipts

32. A licensed wholesale dealer of Class B shall give to each person from whom he has received eggs, not more than seven days after the date of their receipt by him, the identification receipt, duly completed, relating to such eggs, which was transmitted with the eggs to a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A.

Records

33.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class B shall keep a record in respect of each day showing the name and address of each producer from whom he received eggs and the number of hen eggs of each class and the number of duck eggs received from each and the name and address of each licensed wholesale dealer of Class A to whom he delivered the eggs and the number of hen eggs of each class and the number of duck eggs delivered to each.

(2) Every licensed wholesale dealer of Class B shall retain every record required to be kept by him under this Rule for a period of at least twelve months from the date to which the record applies.

PART VI

CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO LICENSED WHOLESALE DEALERS OF CLASS C

Despatch

34.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class C shall ensure that all eggs sold by him are despatched from his registered premises within three days from the date on which the eggs were tested by the holder of the Class A licence from whom he purchased the eggs.

(2) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class C shall ensure that all eggs are stored in a cool atmosphere and that no eggs are stored near any commodity likely to contaminate the eggs.

Records

35.—(1) Every licensed wholesale dealer of Class C shall keep a record in respect of each day showing:—

- (a) the name and address of each licensed wholesale dealer of Class A from whom he purchased eggs and the number of each class and grade of hen eggs and the number of duck eggs purchased from each; and
- (b) the name and address of each person to whom he sold eggs and the number of each class and grade of hen eggs and the number of duck eggs, sold to each such person.

(2) Every licensed wholesale dealer of Class C shall retain every record required to be kept by him under this Rule for a period of at least twelve months from the date to which the record applies.

PART VII

CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO LICENSED RETAILERS

Conditions under which Eggs shall be Stored and Exposed for Sale

36. The holder of a retailer's licence shall ensure that all eggs in his possession for the purposes of sale are so stored or exposed for sale as to prevent their deterioration or contamination by reason of the weather, the proximity of heating appliances or any other cause.

PART VIII

SELLING OF EGGS BY RETAIL

Description of Quality

37.—(1) For the purposes of Section six of the Act, all eggs shall be sold, offered or exposed for sale under one of the following descriptions, such description to be indicated by means of a notice prominently displayed:—

First quality eggs

Cracked eggs

Second quality eggs

A description to indicate the process by which eggs have been preserved.

(2) For the purposes of sub-section (2) of Section six of the Act, it shall be deemed to be a term of the contract of sale that the quality of any eggs sold under any one of these descriptions shall accord with the standards of quality prescribed for that description in Rule 19 or Rule 41.

PART IX

PRESERVATION OF EGGS AND PREPARATION OF LIQUID EGG

Marking of Preserved Eggs Sold or Exposed for Sale

38.—(1) Eggs cold-stored or chemically-stored shall, prior to such storage have been marked in a legible and indelible manner on the shell, in the former case with the word "Chilled" or the word "Cold-stored", and in the latter case with the word "Sterilised", the letters being in each case not less than one-eighth of an inch in height, the word being enclosed in a circle of not less than three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

(2) Eggs preserved by any process other than cold-storage or chemical-storage, shall, prior to such storage, have been marked in a legible and indelible manner on the shell with the word "Preserved" in letters not less than one-eighth of an inch in height, the word being enclosed in a circle of not less than three-quarters of an inch in diameter, provided that if the process of preservation to which the egg has been subjected consists solely of being dipped in, sprayed with, or otherwise treated with odourless, tasteless, water-white mineral oils the word "Sealed" shall be substituted for the word "Preserved".

Application for the Registration of Premises

39. An application for the registration under Section ten of the Act of premises used or intended to be used by way of trade or for purposes of gain for the preserving, cold-storage, chemical-storage or pickling of eggs or in the preparation of liquid egg shall be made in the prescribed form.

Conditions Applicable to Registered Premises

40.—(1) Every applicant for the registration of premises for the preparation of liquid egg, shall provide separate rooms for the intake of eggs and for the preparation of the liquid egg.

(2) The room for the preparation of liquid egg shall be provided with:—

- (a) floors and walls of such a finish as will enable them to be readily washed;
- (b) suitable light and ventilation;
- (c) adequate drainage points with gully traps outside the building;
- (d) hot and cold water with wash-hand basins;
- (e) equipment for the proper sterilisation of all equipment; and
- (f) stainless steel benches and utensils.

(3) In addition, there shall be provided at the registered premises hard freezing facilities capable of maintaining the freezing chamber with full load at a temperature of 0° (Zero) Fahrenheit or below, except in the following cases:—

- (a) where the applicant is engaged in the preparation of liquid egg for sale direct to a consumer in Northern Ireland as fresh liquid egg; and/or
- (b) where the applicant is engaged in the preparation of liquid egg for storage for ultimate sale in Northern Ireland, in which case alternative freezing arrangements may be approved by the Ministry.

(4) The dimensions of the rooms, the extent of the equipment and the capacity of the plant, shall be such as will satisfy the Ministry that the trade for which the premises are registered can be conducted with reasonable facility and despatch.

Testing of Preserved Eggs

41.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall test all preserved, cold-stored, chemically-stored or pickled eggs within forty-eight hours before their despatch from storing premises or from his registered premises, unless the eggs are invoiced "W.A.F." (with all faults) and the cases in which they are packed are marked in a legible and indelible manner with the letters "W.A.F." not less than 1½ inches in height.

(2) An egg stamped "Cold-Stored" or "Chilled" or "Sterilised" or "Sealed" showing any of the following characteristics shall not be included in any case of tested eggs:—

- (a) the contents are opaque or black;

- (b) the yolk is anywhere in contact with the shell or is shown to have been in contact with the shell by the presence of a spot on the inner side of the shell; or
- (c) the white has become tinted.

(3) An egg stamped "Preserved" showing either of the following characteristics shall not be included in any case of tested eggs:—

- (a) the contents are anywhere opaque or black; or
- (b) the white is cloudy or discoloured.

Marking of Cases

42. A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall, before despatch from the storing premises or his registered premises, label all cases containing preserved eggs, with a label bearing, in letters not less than one inch in height, the word "Chilled" or "Cold-stored" or "Sterilised" or "Preserved" or "Sealed" as the case may be.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 11th day of August, 1958.

(L.S.)

W. A. V. Sanderson,

Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the fees prescribed in Rules 5 and 29 of the foregoing Rules.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 12th day of August, 1958.

(L.S.)

K. R. Shimeld,

Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

PART 1

Statutory Rules and Orders revoked from the date of the coming into operation of these Rules

Number	Short Title	Extent of Revocation
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1936, No. 98	The Egg Marketing Committee (Election of Members by Licensed Wholesale Dealers of Class A) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1936.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1936, No. 99	The Egg Marketing Committee (Election of Members by Licensed Wholesale Dealers of Class B) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1936.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1937, No. 110	The Marketing of Eggs (Determination of Wholesale Dealers' Prices) Order (Northern Ireland), 1937.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1937, No. 128	The Marketing of Eggs (Retailers' Prices) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1937.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1938, No. 10	The Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1938, No. 25	The Marketing of Eggs (Retailers') Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1938, No. 134	The Marketing of Eggs (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1939, No. 21	The Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1939.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1939, No. 27	The Marketing of Eggs (Retailers' Prices) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1939.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1939, No. 78	The Marketing of Eggs (No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1939.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1939, No. 120	The Marketing of Eggs (No. 3) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1939.	The Whole Order

Number	Short Title	Extent of Revocation
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1940, No. 25	The Marketing of Eggs (Purchase by Contract) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1940.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1941, No. 171	The Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1941.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1942, No. 199	The Marketing of Eggs (Determination of Wholesale Dealers' Prices) Order (Northern Ireland), 1942.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1942, No. 205	The Egg Marketing Committee (Term of Office of Members) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1942.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1950, No. 164	The Marketing of Eggs (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1950.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 96	The Marketing of Eggs (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1951.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 151	The Marketing of Eggs (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1951.	The Whole Order

PART 2

Statutory Rules and Orders revoked from 1st November, 1958

Number	Short Title	Extent of Revocation
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1936, No. 121	The Marketing of Eggs (Retailers') Rules (Northern Ireland), 1936.	The Whole Order
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1936, No. 163	The Marketing of Eggs (Retailers') (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1936.	The Whole Order

SECOND SCHEDULE

FORM NO. 1

Form of Application for a Wholesale Dealer's Licence

(1) I/We

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hereby apply for a Class Licence to carry on the business of wholesale dealer(s) in eggs,

- (2) I/We enclose the sum of £..... being the fees prescribed under the above-mentioned Act for one Licence (£10 0s. 0d. for Class A licence, £5 0s. 0d. for Class B licence, £10 0s. 0d. for a Class C licence).
- (3) I/We hereby undertake, in the event of a Licence being granted me/us to comply with such regulations as the Ministry may issue, from time to time, respecting the conduct of wholesale dealings in eggs.

I am

- (4) We are each not less than twenty-one years of age.
Applicable to Class A and Class B licences only :—

- (5) I/We propose to collect eggs in the following areas, viz.

.....

Signature
 of Applicant

Full Postal Address

..... Date.....

To :—
 The Secretary,
 Ministry of Agriculture,
 Belfast.

FORM NO. 2

Form of Application for Registration of Wholesale Dealer's Premises

I/We hereby apply for the registration of the premises referred to hereunder which I/we propose to use for the purpose of my/our trade as licensed wholesale dealer(s) in eggs.

Addresses of Premises	Purpose for which the premises are used
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	

Signature of Applicant

Full Postal Address

..... Date

To :—
 The Secretary,
 Ministry of Agriculture,
 Belfast.

FORM NO. 3

Form of the Label for use with Egg Collection Case

Name of licence-holder	Packing Number
Date	
Day	
Collector	

The label shall be not less than 3¼ inches in width by 2¾ inches in length, and shall be of clean white board with a calliper thickness of .012 inches.

FORM NO. 4

Form of Identification Receipt

IDENTIFICATION RECEIPT No.....

Name of Licence-Holder

Address Licence No.

Producer's Name

Address

Date of Receipt Collector Hen/Duck

	Tester's Report No. of Eggs		Price per Dozen	£ s d		
	Doz.	Odd				
First Quality						
Dirty						
Seconds						
Cracks and Haircracks						
Extra Smalls (under 1½ ozs.)						
Rejects						
Short Packed						
.....						
Total			Amount Paid to Producer			
Date of Testing	Tester					

The Identification Receipt shall contain no other printed matter on either side. Identification Receipts shall be bound in the form of books.

FORM NO. 5

Form of Weekly Return to be made by Licensed Wholesale Dealer of Class A

Licence No.

Class A Wholesaler's Return of Stocks, Receipts, Sales, etc., of Eggs for Week-ended Saturday:—

Name of Licensed Class A Wholesale Dealer :— Address :—

Category	1			2			3			4			5			6			7			8			9			10			11			12		
	Opening Stock	Eggs received into store	Total Inward Stock (Cols. 2+3)	Eggs consigned to Great Britain, Irish Republic and the Isle of Man	Deliveries to retailers	Deliveries to other wholesalers	Deliveries to caterers bakers and manufacturers	Damaged Eggs converted into liquid	Rejects and other waste	Total Outward Stock (Cols. 5+6+7+8+9+10)	Closing Stock																									
	H	D	O	H	D	O	H	D	O	H	D	O	H	D	O	H	D	O	H	D	O	H	D	O	H	D	O	H	D	O	H	D	O	H	D	O
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FORM No. 6
Form of Application for a Retailer's Licence

1. I/We
hereby apply for a retailer's licence under Section five of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1957.
2. The premises used by me/us for the purpose of the business for which the licence is required are situated at
County
in the _____
County Borough of _____
3. I am
We are each } not less than twenty-one years of age.
4. I/We enclose herewith a for £ being the fee calculated at the rate of £2 per shop.
5. I/We hereby undertake, in the event of a licence being granted to me/us, to comply with such conditions in relation to the sale of eggs by retail as the Ministry of Agriculture may from time to time prescribe.
Signature of Applicant
Full Postal Address
.....
..... Date

To :—
The Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Belfast.

FORM No. 7

Form of Application for Registration of Premises used or intended to be used for the Preserving, Cold-storage, Chemical-storage, or Pickling of Eggs or in the Preparation of Liquid Egg

I/We
being the owner(s)/occupier(s) of the premises, particulars of which are set out below, hereby apply for registration of the said premises under Section 10 of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1957.

Premises		Particulars of trade carried on therein, i.e., Preserving, Cold-storage, Pickling, Chemical-storage or Preparation of Liquid Egg.
No., Street and Town	Exact location of portions used for trade.	

Signed
Address

To The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Belfast, Date, 19

THIRD SCHEDULE

PART I

Specification for Egg Collection Case

The case shall be made in two equal compartments and in accordance with the following specifications:—

INTERNAL DIMENSIONS Each compartment			TIMBER DIMENSIONS											
Length	Width	Depth	Bottom Boards		Side Boards		Lid Boards		Centre Division Boards		End Boards			
			Long	Thick	Long	Thick	Long	Thick	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick
12 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	12 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	13 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	26 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	$\frac{5}{16}$ "	26 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	$\frac{5}{16}$ "	27 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	$\frac{7}{16}$ "	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	$\frac{7}{16}$ "	4"	$\frac{7}{16}$ "	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	$\frac{7}{16}$ "

MATERIAL

The timber shall be white deal.

SPACING

The spacing between any two adjoining boards throughout the case shall not exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Where there is spacing between any two side boards it shall be so arranged as to prevent any flats working through.

ENDS

Each end shall consist of three boards fixed upright, one of which shall be placed exactly in the middle of the end and shall not be less than 4 inches in width. To the bottom of the end boards on the outside of each end of the case shall be nailed a cross batten measuring not less than 13 inches by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $\frac{7}{16}$ inch. One inch from the top of the end boards on the outside of each end of the case shall be nailed a cross batten measuring 13 inches by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.

LID

The lid shall consist of three boards measuring 27 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches in length by $\frac{7}{16}$ inch thick, the entire width of the lid being 13 inches, no spacing being allowed between boards. Cross battens measuring 13 inches by 1 inch by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch shall be fixed across the ends of the boards on the under side, flush with the ends and sides of the boards.

NAILS AND NAILING

The nails used throughout the case shall be of 14 gauge and shall be cement-coated. They shall be 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, except those used in making the lid, which shall not be less than 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Not less than two nails shall be used in each end of each board (including the cross battens), and an additional nail shall be used at each end of a board for every 3 inches or part of 3 inches by which the board exceeds 4 inches.

FIXING LID

A cleet shall be fixed in the centre of each of the cross battens of the lid so as to pass through a slot cut for the purpose in each of the cross battens at the top of the ends of the case and so that when the cleet is turned parallel to the batten the lid is securely fixed to the case.

CLEET

The cleet shall be of 8 gauge wire, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length and turned at right angles 1 inch from the end. The head shall be sufficiently large, or have a washer fixed underneath to prevent the cleet from working loose in the wood.

WIRING

The case shall be bound by means of wire extending round the ends of the bottom boards, the ends of the side boards and the tops of the end boards. Wire shall also be bound round the centre of the bottom and side boards and top of the centre boards. All wire shall be fastened with not less than two wire staples in each board.

The wire for binding the case shall be half-round "crescent" wire of gauge 9 by 15. The staples shall be 1 inch long and of 14 gauge of the type known in the trade as "tenterhooks".

VARNISHING

The outside of all boards in the case and lid shall be varnished.

BRANDING

On one of the end boards inside and outside there shall be branded the letter "A" and on the other end inside and outside the letter "B". The branding shall be in block letters not less than 2 inches high.

At the top of the centre board on each end of the case on the outside there shall be branded the licence number of the owner of the case in the following form:—

LIC.

NO.

0001.

in block letters and figures not less than $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in height. On both sides of the case on the outside shall be branded in block letters not less than 2 inches in height the name of the licence-holder.

LABEL-HOLDER

At the bottom of the centre board on the outside of the end of the case marked "B" shall be fixed a label-holder so constructed that a label can be inserted measuring not less than $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches in width by $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in depth and exposing a surface measuring not less than $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches in width by $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in depth. Screws must be used in fastening the label-holder to the case.

PART II

Specifications for Fillers and Flats for use in Collection Cases**(1) FILLERS:**

Fillers shall be of pulp-board conforming to the following specifications or of such other material or type as may be approved by the Ministry:—

- (a) **Material:**
The fibre of the board shall be of clean wood pulp (mechanical, chemical or a combination of both) so treated as to comply in other respects with this specification.
- (b) **Weight:**
The board shall be of substance equivalent to 330 grammes per square metre.
- (c) **Bursting Strain:**
The bursting strain of the board when tested by the Mullen Paper Tester shall be not less than one-sixth of the weight specified in paragraph (b) above, expressed in lbs. per square inch.
- (d) **Bulk:**
.030 inch.
- (e) **Colour:**
White or cream.
- (f) **Mineral Matter:**
The ash shall not exceed 3% on complete incineration.
- (g) **Water Absorption:**
There shall not be any penetration of water through to the top side when representative samples measuring $\frac{1}{2}$ inch x $\frac{1}{2}$ inch are floated on the surface of distilled water in a glass vessel, at 60/65 degrees Fahrenheit, for 10 minutes.
- (h) **Dimensions:**
Fillers shall be $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in depth, each division being $1\frac{7}{8}$ inches square. The extreme length and width of the filler shall be $12\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Fillers of the type known as "ventilated" fillers shall not be used.

(2) FLATS:

Flats shall be of the cup type, manufactured according to the following specification:—

- (a) **Material:**
The flats shall be of pulp-board made from wood pulp or waste paper or a combination of wood pulp and waste paper.
- (b) **Weight:**
Each flat shall weigh not less than 1.3 oz.
- (c) **Height of Flat:**
 $\frac{17}{32}$ of an inch.
- (d) **Length and Breadth of Flat:**
 $12\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

(e) Formation:

The formation of the board shall be determined by visual examination. The board shall be of uniform thickness and shall be free from flaws.

(f) Water absorption:

The flat shall have reasonable resistance to water absorption as shown in the following test:—

The flat shall be laid on a flat surface and water at 65 degrees F. poured into the recesses. After twenty minutes the water shall be poured off and the tray examined. It shall not have become soaked with water at any point or show signs of dampness on the bottom side.

PART III

Specification for Delivery Cases—Wooden

1. DIMENSIONS

	No. 1	No. 2
Internal dimension of each of the two internal compartments	12 $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 12 $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 13"	11 $\frac{5}{8}$ " x 11 $\frac{5}{8}$ " x 13"
Side Boards. 6 pieces each	26 $\frac{1}{16}$ " x 4" x $\frac{3}{8}$ "	24 $\frac{9}{16}$ " x 4" x $\frac{3}{8}$ "
Top and Bottom Boards. 6 pieces each	27" x 4 $\frac{5}{16}$ " x $\frac{3}{8}$ "	25 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4" x $\frac{3}{8}$ "
End Boards. 1, 2 or 3 pieces made-up size	13" x 12 $\frac{3}{8}$ " x $\frac{7}{16}$ "	13" x 11 $\frac{5}{8}$ " x $\frac{7}{16}$ "
Centre Board. 1 or 2 pieces made-up size	12 $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 13" x $\frac{7}{16}$ "	11 $\frac{5}{8}$ " x 13" x $\frac{7}{16}$ "
End Battens. 4 pieces each	13 $\frac{1}{8}$ " x 2" x $\frac{7}{16}$ "	12 $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 2" x $\frac{7}{16}$ "
Lid Battens. 2 pieces each	13 $\frac{1}{8}$ " x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{7}{16}$ "	12 $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{7}{16}$ "

2. MATERIAL

The timber shall be of whitewood of suitable strength, smoothly sawn, clean, dry, sound, and well seasoned. It shall be free from bark, wane, feather and smell, and reasonably free from knots, warping, shakes and discolouration. No large, loose, broken or protruding knots shall be permitted.

3. CONSTRUCTION

Sides: The spacing between any two adjoining boards in sides of case shall not exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

Ends: Each end shall consist of not more than three pieces fixed upright, with no spacing between the boards. Where ready-made boxboards are used, and each end consists of two or three pieces, the pieces shall be either (a) Linderman jointed or (b) tongued and grooved and jointed with three corrugated fasteners (three fasteners for each joint, the middle one being inserted from the reverse side). The grain shall be vertical when the box is made up. Two battens shall be fixed to each end board on the outside of the box, one across the bottom and the other 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the top.

Centre: The centre shall be made up of not more than two pieces with no spacing between the boards. Where ready-made boxboards are used and each centre consists of two pieces, they shall be jointed in a manner similar to the ends. The grain shall be horizontal when the box is made up.

Lid: The lid shall consist of three pieces running the length of the box. Cross battens shall be fixed across the ends of the boards on the underside flush with the ends of the box and in such a manner that when the lid is in position on the box the battens shall rest on the upper end battens. The spacing between the boards shall be uniform.

Bottom: The bottom shall consist of three pieces running the length of the box. The spacing between the boards shall be uniform.

Nails and Nailing: The nails used throughout the case shall be of 14 gauge, cement-coated. They shall be $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long except those used in fastening the lid and end battens, which shall be $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches long. Not less than two nails shall be used in each end of each board, including the battens, and an additional nail shall be used at each end of a board for every 3 inches or part of 3 inches by which the board exceeds 4 inches.

Printing: There shall be marked in a legible and indelible manner on the lid of each case the words—"EGGS WITH CARE. THIS SIDE UP" in letters not less than 2 inches in height.

PART IV

Specification for Non-Returnable Corrugated Fibreboard Egg Cases

1. DIMENSIONS

(a) Cases

Cases shall be made in two sizes with the following internal dimensions:—

No. 1 Case

Length	$24\frac{3}{4}$ ins.	} Tolerance $\pm \frac{1}{8}$ in.
Width	$12\frac{1}{4}$ ins.	
Depth	$12\frac{5}{8}$ ins.	

No. 2 Case

Length	$23\frac{1}{4}$ ins.	} Tolerance $\pm \frac{1}{8}$ in.
Width	$11\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	
Depth	$12\frac{3}{8}$ ins.	

(b) Divider

Dividers shall be made in two sizes of the following dimensions:—

For No. 1 Case $12\frac{3}{4}$ ins. by $12\frac{1}{4}$ ins.

For No. 2 Case $12\frac{3}{4}$ ins. by $11\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

All fluting shall run parallel with the $12\frac{3}{4}$ in. side.

(c) Handhole

Each end panel shall be punched with a handhole $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. below the top centre to top of handhole. The handhole shall be 3 ins. by $1\frac{1}{4}$ ins.

2. MATERIALS

(a) Case

The case shall be constructed of corrugated B flute fibreboard. The outer surface of the board shall be capable

of passing the water resistance test given in B.S. 1133 Section 7. The outer facing shall be kraft with a minimum thickness of .017 inch and a minimum weight of 64 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. The inner facing shall be kraft with a minimum thickness of .014 inch and a minimum weight of 47 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. The fluting material shall be kraft, semi-chemical or similar, thickness .009 inch, minimum weight 26 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. or alternatively straw paper of similar thickness .009 inch minimum and a minimum weight of 33 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. The resultant board shall be capable of withstanding a minimum bursting strength of 200 lbs. per square inch.

(b) *Divider*

The divider shall be constructed in double double A/B flute corrugated board. The outer and inner facings shall be of .014 inch chip and the fluting material shall be as for the case.

(c) *Fluting*

A flute shall have not less than 32 and not more than 38 flutes per foot.

B flute shall have not less than 50 and not more than 56 flutes per foot.

3. CONSTRUCTION

Cases shall be constructed of one piece with a lap joint at one corner of the case. The lap shall be not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ ins. wide and shall be on the inside of the case. Four flaps at one with the case shall be provided at the top and the bottom, such that when the case is made up the top and bottom openings shall be covered. The outer (long) flaps shall meet but not overlap. The inner (short) flaps shall be of the same width as the outer flaps.

The lap joint shall be secured with metal stitches or staples which shall be inserted obliquely. They shall be not more than 2 ins. apart, centre to centre, the first and last stitches being not more than one inch from the beginning and end, respectively, of the joint. The staples may be of round wire of Imperial gauge not less than 18, or of flat wire with a sectional area of not less than .0018 square inch. Where round wire staples are used, tie stitches shall be inserted about half an inch from the top and bottom stitches at each end of the joint.

4. COMPRESSION TEST

After conditioning for 24 hours at 68° F., and 65% Relative Humidity, the case shall have a failing load in excess of 600 lbs. when tested in a Box Compression Tester.

For this test three cases shall be used. The cases shall be assembled and the top and bottom flaps secured with one piece of 2 in. wide gum strip completely along their length and extending at least 2 ins. down each end. The case shall then be placed in a suitable type of compression tester and a steadily increasing load placed on it until the box fails. The average failing load of the three cases shall always exceed 600 lbs. and no one case of the three shall have a failing load of less than 570 lbs.

5. PRINTING

The cases shall be printed in blue block type on No. 1 cases and black block type on No. 2 cases as follows:—

Sides

On both sides, the words "HOME PRODUCED EGGS" in letters $1\frac{1}{4}$ ins. in height.

Top Long Flaps

On one top long flap, with the words "FRAGILE—WITH CARE", and on the other top long flap with the words "THIS SIDE UP", so positioned that when the flaps are closed the two parts may be read as one continuous whole. The letters shall be $1\frac{1}{4}$ ins. in height.

Ends

On each end with the words "HOME PRODUCED EGGS" in letters $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in height. On the top left-hand corner of each end with the size of the case, i.e., either "1" or "2" as the case may be, in figures 1 inch in height.

6. CERTIFICATE

Cases manufactured to this specification shall be printed on the outside of one of the bottom short flaps with a form of certificate as below:—

<p style="margin: 0;">CERTIFICATE</p> <p style="margin: 10px 0;">This case conforms to the specification prescribed by the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.</p> <p style="margin: 10px 0;">..... *</p>
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*Insert here the name of the manufacturer.

PART V

Specification for Non-Returnable Solid Fibreboard Egg Cases

1. DIMENSIONS

(a) *Cases*

Cases shall be made in two sizes with the following internal dimensions:—

<i>No. 1 Case</i>		
Length	$24\frac{3}{4}$ ins.	} Tolerance $\pm \frac{1}{16}$ in.
Width	$12\frac{1}{4}$ ins.	
Depth	$12\frac{5}{8}$ ins.	
<i>No. 2 Case</i>		
Length	$23\frac{1}{4}$ ins.	} Tolerance $\pm \frac{1}{16}$ in.
Width	$11\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	
Depth	$12\frac{5}{8}$ ins.	

(b) *Divider*

Dividers shall be made in two sizes of the following dimensions:—

For No. 1 Case $12\frac{3}{4}$ ins. by $12\frac{1}{4}$ ins.

For No. 2 Case $12\frac{3}{4}$ ins. by $11\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

All fluting shall run parallel with the $12\frac{3}{4}$ in. side.

(c) *Handhole*

Each end panel shall be punched with a handhole $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. below top centre to top of handhole. The handhole shall be 3 ins. by $1\frac{1}{4}$ ins.

2. MATERIALS

(a) *Case*

The case shall be constructed of fibreboard with a minimum thickness of .075 ins. The outer face shall be kraft lined of calliper .005/6 inch, and shall be capable of passing the surface water resistance test given in B.S. 1133, Section 7. The resultant board shall be capable of withstanding a minimum bursting strength of 250 lbs. per square inch.

(b) *Divider*

The divider shall be constructed in double double A/B flute corrugated board. The A flute shall have not less than 32 and not more than 38 flutes per foot and the B flute shall have not less than 50 and not more than 56 flutes per foot. The outer and inner facings shall be of .014 inch chip. The fluting material shall be kraft, semi-chemical or similar, thickness .009 inch, minimum weight 26 lbs. per 1,000 square feet or, alternatively, straw paper of similar thickness .009 inch, minimum weight 33 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft.

3. CONSTRUCTION

Cases shall be constructed of one piece with a lap joint at one corner of the case. The lap shall be not less than $1\frac{1}{4}$ ins. wide and shall be on the inside of the case. Four flaps at one with the case shall be provided at the top and the bottom, such that when the case is made up the top and bottom openings shall be covered. The outer (long) flaps shall meet but not overlap. The inner (short) flaps shall be of the same width as the outer flaps.

The lap joint shall be secured with metal stitches or staples which shall be inserted obliquely. They shall be not more than 2 ins. apart, centre to centre, the first and last stitches being not more than one inch from the beginning and end respectively of the joint. The staples may be of round wire of Imperial gauge not less than 18, or of flat wire with a sectional area of not less than .0018 sq. in. Where round wire staples are used, tie stitches shall be inserted about half an inch from the top and bottom stitches at each end of the joint.

4. COMPRESSION TEST

After conditioning for 24 hours at 68° F., and 65% Relative Humidity, the cases shall have failing loads in excess of 600 lbs. when tested in a Box Compression Tester. For this test three cases shall be used. The cases shall be assembled and the top and bottom flaps secured with one piece of 2 in. wide gum strip completely along their length and extending at least 2 ins. down each end. Each case shall then be placed in a suitable type of compression tester and a steadily increasing load placed on it

until the box fails. The average failing load of the three cases shall always exceed 600 lbs. and no one case of the three shall have a failing load of less than 570 lbs.

5. PRINTING

The cases shall be printed in blue block type on No. 1 cases and black block type on No. 2 cases as follows:—

Sides

On both sides, the words "HOME PRODUCED EGGS" in letters $1\frac{1}{4}$ ins. in height.

Top Long Flaps

On one top long flap, with the words "FRAGILE—WITH CARE", and on the other top long flap with the words "THIS SIDE UP", so positioned that when the flaps are closed the two parts may be read as one continuous whole. The letters shall be $1\frac{1}{4}$ ins. in height.

Ends

On each end with the words "HOME PRODUCED EGGS" in letters $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in height. On the top left-hand corner of each end with the size of the case, i.e., either "1" or "2" as the case may be, in figures 1 inch in height.

6. CERTIFICATE

Cases manufactured to this specification shall be printed on the outside of one of the bottom short flaps with a form of certificate as below:—

<p>CERTIFICATE</p> <p>This case conforms to the specification prescribed by the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.</p> <p>..... *</p>

*Insert here the name of the manufacturer.

PART VI

Specification for Egg Trays

1. DIMENSIONS

	<i>No. 1 Size</i>	<i>No. 2 Size</i>
Height	$11\frac{3}{8}$ ins. $\pm \frac{1}{16}$ inch	$11\frac{3}{8}$ ins. $\pm \frac{1}{16}$ inch
Length and Breadth	$12\frac{1}{4}$ ins. $\pm \frac{3}{32}$ inch	$11\frac{1}{2}$ ins. $\pm \frac{3}{32}$ inch

The difference between the length and breadth of the trays shall not exceed $\frac{1}{16}$ inch.

2. WEIGHT

When conditioned at $68^{\circ} \pm 2^{\circ}$ F. and 65% Relative Humidity for 24 hours the weight of the trays shall be:—

<i>No. 1 Size</i>	<i>No. 2 Size</i>
$2\frac{1}{4}$ OZS. $\pm \frac{1}{4}$ OZ.	2 OZS. $\pm \frac{1}{4}$ OZ.

3. MATERIAL

The fibre of the board shall be of chemical wood pulp or a combination of chemical and mechanical pulp, so treated as to comply in other respects with this specification.

4. STRENGTH

The resistance to crushing of a single tray shall be not less than 500 lbs., and the resistance of a stack of three trays squarely superimposed upon one another shall be not less than 250 lbs.

5. MINERAL MATTER

The ash shall not exceed 2% on complete incineration.

6. COLOUR

White or Cream.

7. FORMATION

The formation of the boards shall be determined by visual examination. The board shall be of uniform thickness and shall be free from weak spots.

8. WATER ABSORPTION

The tray shall have water resistance to meet the following test:—The tray shall be laid on a flat surface and water poured into the recesses. After 20 minutes the water shall be poured off and the tray examined. It shall not show any signs of water absorption at any point or show signs of dampness on the bottom side.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The Rules are the first made under the Marketing of Eggs Act, 1957, and have the primary purpose of consolidating and bringing up-to-date the Rules made under the now repealed Marketing of Eggs Acts, 1924 to 1937. They set out in detail the requirements governing the licensing of wholesale and retail dealers in eggs and contain the provisions necessary for the Ministry to carry out its function of quality control of eggs.

Marketing of Milk Products Act (Northern Ireland) 1958

ORDER, DATED 31ST DECEMBER, 1958, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION EIGHTEEN OF THE MARKETING OF MILK PRODUCTS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

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Whereas by sub-section (2) of Section Eighteen of the Marketing of Milk Products Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 (hereinafter referred to as "The Act") it is provided that the Act shall come into operation on such day or days as the Minister of Agriculture shall by order appoint.