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**MARKETING OF EGGS**

RULES, DATED THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE MARKETING OF EGGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1957.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 21 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) 1966 and shall come into operation on the 4th day of July, 1966.

*Definitions*

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

“B.E.M.B. No.” means in relation to a producer, that producer’s registered number with the Board;

“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 2 of the Act, or the holder of a retailer’s licence under Section 5 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;

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

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

“The Act” means the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland) 1957, as amended by Section 4 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1960(b) and by Sections 5 and 6 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(c);

“The Board” means the British Egg Marketing Board.

*Revocation of Existing Rules*

3. The Statutory Rules and Orders set out in Schedule 1 are hereby revoked.

*Forms*

4. The forms set out in Schedule 2 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 1 of the Act shall make application to the Ministry in the prescribed form.

(2) The fee for a Class A licence, payable upon the granting or renewal of the licence, shall be £10 in respect of each store registered by the applicant with the Ministry for the testing, grading and packing of eggs.

(3) The fee for a Class B licence, payable upon the granting or renewal of the licence, shall be £10.

(4) The fee for a Class C licence, payable upon the granting or renewal of the licence, shall be £10.

*Exceptions under Section 7(2) of the Act*

6. For the purpose of Section 7(2) 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 20 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 20, 27, 32 and 35, there shall not be taken into account Sundays, Easter Monday, the 12th July, Christmas Day, any other public general holiday or, where a five-day working week is being observed, Saturdays.

## PART II

## REGISTRATION OF PREMISES USED BY THE LICENSED WHOLESALE DEALERS

*Application for Registration of Premises*

9. An application for the registration under Section 3 of the Act of any premises used by a licensed wholesale dealer shall be made to the Ministry in the prescribed form.

*Conditions*

10. Premises shall be registered if they comply with the conditions of this Part, and the registration thereof may be cancelled if at any time the premises cease so to comply.

*Premises*

11.—(1) All premises owned or occupied by a licensed wholesale dealer for any purposes 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;
  - (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 3 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 3 of the Act shall give notice to the Ministry of any proposed structural alterations which would affect the registered premises.

#### *Register of Premises*

**12.**—(1) The Ministry shall prepare and keep a register of all premises registered under Section 3 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 2 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*

**13.**—(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 Rule 12.

(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*

**14.** 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*

**15.—(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 or cause them to be packed, forthwith in a collection case constructed of such materials and complying with such specifications as the Ministry may approve in writing.

(2) A licence-holder shall use, or cause to be used, for the packing of eggs in a collection case packing material of such type and manufactured according to such specifications as the Ministry may approve in writing.

(3) A licence-holder shall not pack, or permit to be packed, 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, or packing material which have not been provided by him and are not his own property.

(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Rule the Ministry may approve in writing the use of any other container for the collection of eggs and may grant such approval subject to such conditions as it may consider necessary. For the purposes of Rules 15, 16, 17 and 25, any references to a collector's case shall be deemed to include a reference to any container approved under this paragraph.

*Identification*

**16.** 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 immediately on receipt of the eggs by him from a producer enter legibly and indelibly, on the first copy of an identification receipt the following particulars, and shall simultaneously, using carbon paper, so complete three further copies:—
- (i) the name and licence number of the licence-holder;
  - (ii) the date of receipt;
  - (iii) the name and address of the producer; and
  - (iv) the number of the hen eggs received from the producer; or
  - (v) the number of duck eggs received from the producer.
- (b) He shall identify hen eggs and duck eggs separately.
- (c) He shall place three copies of the receipt referred to at (a) which shall be in the form prescribed in Schedule 2, Form No. 4, Part I, with the lot of eggs to which it refers in such a manner as will enable the said lot to be identified, and such copies shall not be removed until the eggs are being unpacked for the purpose of being tested in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.
- (d) He shall himself retain for a period of two years the fourth copy of each identification receipt which shall be in the form prescribed in Schedule 2, Form No. 4, Part II(a), and such retained copy shall not at any time be detached from the book of which it forms part.
- (e) He shall give to the producer a receipt in the form prescribed in Schedule 2, Form No. 4, Part II(b), containing the following particulars:—
- (i) the quantity of hen eggs or the quantity of duck eggs received;
  - (ii) date of collection;
  - (iii) signature of collector.

#### Method 2

He shall place in each case three copies of 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 and retained in accordance with paragraph (2) of Method 1.

#### Collection and Packing of Eggs

17. 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.

(6) the interior of every vehicle used for the collection of eggs shall be kept clean. No live poultry or animals shall be conveyed in such a vehicle at the same time as eggs or egg cases or packing material and no such vehicle which has been used for the conveyance of live poultry or animals shall be used for transporting eggs or egg cases or packing material until that vehicle has been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

#### *Cleaning of Eggs*

18. 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*

19. 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.

20.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall test all eggs which have been received by him from a producer not later than the day following 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 paragraph (1) 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 discoloration. 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*

21. 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*

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

(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) a first quality egg, or a soiled egg otherwise of first quality, and which is less than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz. in weight; or

(b) a cracked egg otherwise of first quality; or

(c) a second quality egg

shall be marked on the shell in a clear and indelible manner with such mark as the Board may from time to time prescribe.

(3) 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*

23.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall ensure that, immediately after testing and grading any eggs, there shall be legibly and indelibly entered on the first copy of each identification receipt the date of testing, the initials of the tester, and the number of eggs of each class and

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grade which have been marked in accordance with the provisions of Rule 22, and that the two remaining copies shall be, simultaneously, using carbon paper, so completed.

(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 the eggs, one copy of the identification receipt so completed relating to such eggs, and stamped with his name.

(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 one copy of the identification receipt so completed relating to such eggs, and stamped with his name.

(4) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall retain one copy of each identification receipt relating to eggs received by him either direct from a producer or from a licensed wholesale dealer of Class B for a period of two years, and such copy shall be a carbon copy of the completed identification receipt returned to the producer or to the licensed wholesale dealer of Class B, and shall be sufficient record for the purposes of Rule 28(1)(a).

#### *Packing of Tested and Graded Eggs*

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

- (2) First quality eggs of 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*

25. 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:—
  - (a) delivery cases constructed of such materials and in accordance with such specifications as may be approved by the Ministry in writing; and
  - (b) packing material of such type and manufactured to such specification as may be approved by the Ministry in writing.
- (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 re-conditioned before re-use; and
  - (b) new packing material.
- (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 packing material.
- (4) He shall not use any collection cases.
- (5) All cases used for the export of eggs shall be sealed top and bottom in such manner as may be approved by the Ministry in writing and all cases used for the movement of eggs within Northern Ireland shall be lidded.



### Marking of Delivery Cases

26. 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 marked in a manner approved by the Ministry on each end of the case with letters not less than half an 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 as directed by the Board.

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

(3) The markings prescribed in paragraph (1) are additional to those prescribed in Rule 43 for use in connection with preserved cold-stored, chemically-stored or pickled eggs.

### Despatch

27.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall despatch from his registered premises all eggs for sale by wholesale in Northern Ireland 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 despatch all such eggs from his registered premises 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.

(2) During the period 1st April to 30th September in each year 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 not later than the day following the day on which the eggs were tested by him, and 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 not later than the day following the day on which the eggs were tested by the licensed wholesale dealer of Class A from whom he purchased the eggs.

(3) During the period 1st October in one year to the 31st March of the subsequent year, 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 day on which the eggs were tested by him and, 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 day on which the eggs were tested by the licensed wholesale dealer of Class A from whom he purchased the eggs.

### Records

28.—(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 and grade, the number of duck eggs of each class and the number of eggs disposed of as waste, which resulted from the classifying and grading of such eggs, in accordance with Rules 20 and 21;

- (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 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 two years from the date to which the record applies.

#### Returns

29. A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall furnish to the Ministry not later than Tuesday of each week a return of the quantities of eggs purchased and disposed of by him during the preceding calendar week. Such return shall include such detail of the purchases and disposals of eggs as the Ministry may from time to time notify in writing and shall be made on a form provided by the Ministry for the purpose.

#### Fees

30.—(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 twopence 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

31.—(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*

32. A licensed wholesale dealer of Class B shall not later than the day following the day of receipt by him of eggs from a producer deliver the eggs to a licensed wholesaler of Class A.

#### *Return of Identification Receipts*

33. 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 relating to such eggs, which was transmitted with the eggs to a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A, and was returned to him by the said wholesale dealer.

#### *Records*

34.—(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 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 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 two years from the date to which the record applies.

## PART VI

### CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO LICENSED WHOLESALE DEALERS OF CLASS C

#### *Despatch*

35.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class C shall ensure that all eggs sold by him are despatched from his registered premises 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.

(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*

36.—(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*

37. 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*

38.—(1) For the purposes of Section 6 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 Section 6(2) 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 20 or Rule 42.

## PART IX

### PRESERVATION OF EGGS AND PREPARATION OF LIQUID EGG

#### *Marking of Preserved Eggs sold or offered or exposed for sale*

39.—(1) Any egg which has been subjected to any process of preservation and which by virtue of Section 12 of the Act is required to be marked in the prescribed manner shall be marked on the shell distinctly and legibly in indelible ink with the word "PRESERVED" in letters of 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".

(2) Each notice in writing required to be given to the Ministry in accordance with Section 11(1)(a) of the Act, at or before the time of the placing of eggs in cold storage or chemical storage in any registered premises shall contain the following particulars relating to the placing of the eggs in such storage, that is to say:—

- (a) the address of the registered premises;
- (b) the name and address of the person causing the eggs to be so placed;
- (c) the date of placing and the quantity of eggs so placed;
- (d) a true statement to the effect that the eggs are marked in the manner prescribed by paragraph (3) or are kept in a container marked in the manner prescribed by paragraph (4), as the case may be.

(3) For the purposes of paragraphs (a)(i) and (b)(i) of Section 11(1) of the Act, an egg which is required to be marked before being placed in or before being removed from cold storage or chemical storage in any registered premises shall be deemed to be marked in the prescribed manner if it is marked on the shell distinctly and legibly in indelible ink, in the case of cold storage, with the word "CHILLED" or the words "COLD STORAGE" or, in the case of chemical storage, with the word "STERILISED", the letters being in each case not less than one-eighth of an inch in height and the word or words being enclosed in a circle of not less than three-quarters of an inch in diameter: Provided that any eggs which are marked in the manner prescribed by paragraph (1) shall be deemed to be marked in the prescribed manner for the purposes of this paragraph and any reference in this rule to eggs marked in the manner prescribed by this paragraph shall be construed accordingly.

(4) For the purposes of paragraphs (a)(ii) and (b)(ii) of Section 11(1) of the Act, a container in which eggs not intended for sale by retail in shell are kept shall be deemed to be marked in the prescribed manner if it is marked indelibly and legibly on the exposed surface of two opposite sides of the container with the words "NOT TO BE SOLD IN SHELL BY RETAIL" in letters of not less than five-eighths of an inch in height.

(5) Each notice in writing required to be given to the Ministry, in accordance with Section 11(1)(b) of the Act, not less than forty-eight hours before the removal from cold storage or chemical storage in any registered premises of any eggs which have been placed there without being marked in the manner prescribed in paragraph (3) shall contain the following particulars, that is to say:—

- (a) the address of the registered premises;
- (b) the name and address of the person causing the eggs to be removed from the said premises;
- (c) the date and time of removal and the quantity of eggs to be removed;
- (d) in the case of eggs not marked in the manner prescribed by paragraph (3), the address of the destination to which the eggs are to be removed.

(6) The occupier of any premises registered under Section 10 of the Act for the cold storage or chemical storage of eggs shall keep a record showing in relation to all British eggs placed in cold storage or chemical storage in those premises:—

- (a) the name and address of the person causing the eggs to be so placed;
- (b) the date of such placing;
- (c) the quantity of such eggs so placed on that date by or on behalf of the person referred to in (a) of this paragraph;
- (d) whether, to the best of the occupier's information, the eggs are marked in the manner prescribed by paragraph (3) or are kept in a container

marked in the manner prescribed by paragraph (4) and the respective quantities of eggs so marked or kept, as the case may be;

- (e) in the case of any such eggs which, according to the best of the occupier's information, are not marked in the manner prescribed by paragraph (3) on or before their removal from the registered premises, the name and address of the person causing the eggs to be so removed, if different from the name and address shown in accordance with (a) of this paragraph, and the date of such removal.

(7) Every person dealing in cold-stored or chemically-stored eggs by way of causing British eggs to be placed in such storage in registered premises shall keep a record showing:—

- (a) the address of the registered premises;
- (b) the respective dates on which that person causes such eggs to be placed in, and removed from, such storage and the quantity so placed or removed, as the case may be, on each date;
- (c) whether such eggs are marked in the manner prescribed by paragraph (3), or are kept in a container marked in the manner prescribed by paragraph (4) and the respective quantities of such eggs so marked or kept as the case may be;
- (d) the quantity of such eggs, if any, sold by that person whilst in such storage, the date of any such sale, the name and address of the purchaser and whether the eggs were, before sale, marked in the manner prescribed by paragraph (3) or kept in a container marked in the manner prescribed by paragraph (4).

(8) Every record required to be kept under paragraphs (6) and (7) shall be kept for at least two years from the date to which it applies.

#### *Application for the Registration of Premises*

40. An application for the registration under Section 10 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*

41.—(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 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.

(5) All premises registered for the preparation of liquid egg shall be provided with a supply of running water, clean and free from pollution and protected against contamination.

#### *Testing of Preserved Eggs*

42.—(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 in 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*

43. 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 30th day of June, 1966.

(L.S.)

*W. G. Malcolm,*  
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the fees prescribed in Rules 5 and 30 of the foregoing Rules.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 30th day of June, 1966.

(L.S.)

*R. H. Kidd,*  
Assistant Secretary.

## SCHEDULE 1

Number	Short Title
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 134	Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland) 1958.
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 11	Marketing of Eggs (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1960.
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 156	Marketing of Eggs (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1960.
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 216	Marketing of Eggs (Amendment No. 3) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1961.
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 183	Marketing of Eggs (Amendment No. 4) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1963.
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 249	Marketing of Eggs (Amendment No. 5) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1963.
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 198	Marketing of Eggs (Amendment No. 6) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1964.
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 213	Marketing of Eggs (Amendment No. 7) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1965.



SCHEDULE 2

FORM No. 1

Form of Application for a Wholesale Dealer's Licence

(1) I/We ..... hereby apply for a Class ..... Licence to carry on the business of Wholesale Dealer(s) in eggs.

(2) I/We enclose a Cheque, Money Order, for £....., being the fee prescribed Postal Order under the Act for one Licence. (The prescribed fees are:—

For a Class A licence £10 in respect of each store registered for the testing, grading and packing of eggs.

For a Class B licence £10 and for a Class C licence £10.

Where, however, a licence is granted more than one month after the commencement of a licensing year which is 1st November the fee payable in respect of the grant of the licence is one-twelfth of the annual fee for each month or part of a month in the period for which the licence will be in force.)

Applicable to Class A licences only:

(3) The premises where eggs will be tested, graded and packed are situated at:—

Applicable to Class A, B and C licences:

(4) The premises where eggs will be stored are situated at:—

(5) I/We hereby undertake, in the event of a licence being granted to 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

(6) ..... not less than twenty-one years of age.

We are each

Applicable to Class A and Class B licences only:

(7) 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 under Section 3 of the Marketing Eggs Act (Northern Ireland) 1957 of Wholesale Dealer's Premises

I/We hereby apply for the registration of the premises referred to hereunder which I/we 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 of such material and shall comply with such specification as the Ministry may approve in writing.

FORM No. 4

- PART I -

"CLEAN" EGG CERT. No. ....

Licence Holder .....

Lic. No. ....

Producer .....

COLLECTED N/C

H E N	DOZS.	ODD

PACKING STATION No.

PRODUCERS B.E.M.B. No.

COLLECTION DATE  
DAY MONTH

6									
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1st QUALITY

DIRTY (1st Qual.)

TOTAL 1st & Dirty

Dozens

Odd

Dozens

Odd

Dozens

Odd

LARGE							
STANDARD							
MEDIUM							
SMALL							

TOTAL DIRTY

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Date of Testing
Tested by
Checked by

EXTRA SMALL

SECONDS

CRACKS & H/CRACKS

TOTAL

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SHORT COUNT

Doz.

Odd

REJECTS

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TOTAL

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PART II(a)

"CLEAN" EGG CERT. No. ....

Licence Holder .....

Lic. No. ....

Producer .....

COLLECTED N/C

H E N	DOZS.	ODD

PACKING STATION No.

PRODUCERS B.E.M.B. No.

COLLECTION DATE  
DAY MONTH

6							
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PART II(b)

PRODUCER RECEIPT

Received ..... Dozs. .... Odds Hen Eggs

Date .....

Collector .....

FORM NO. 5

Form of Application for a Retailer's Licence

- 1. I/We .....  
hereby apply for a retailer's licence under Section 5 of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland) 1957.
- 2. The premises where eggs shall be sold are situated at .....  
.....  
(Address)
- I am
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ not less than twenty-one years of age.  
We are each
- 4. I/We enclose .....  
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 as the Ministry of Agriculture may from time to time prescribe.

Signature of Applicant .....

Full Postal Address .....

To: The Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture,  
BELFAST.

Date .....

FORM NO. 6

**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 .....

Date ..... 19....

To: The Secretary,  
 Ministry of Agriculture,  
 BELFAST.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Rules consolidate with minor amendments all the Rules made under the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland) 1957.

The principal differences between these Rules and those which they replace are as follows:—

- (1) Changes have been made in the requirements relating to the identification of eggs received from producers.
- (2) Detailed specifications for cases and packing materials have not been included but must be approved by the Ministry in writing.