

SCHEDULE 9

Regulation 5(5)(c)

PACKAGING OF EGG PRODUCTS

- 1.—(1) Egg products shall be packaged in satisfactory hygiene conditions so as to ensure that they are not contaminated.
- (2) Containers shall comply with all requirements of hygiene, including the following—
 - (a) they shall not be such as to impair the organoleptic characteristics of the egg products,
 - (b) they shall not be capable of transmitting to the egg products substances harmful to human health, and
 - (c) they shall be strong enough to protect the egg products adequately.
2. The room in which containers are stored shall be dust and vermin free, and materials for making disposable containers shall not be stored on the floor.
3. Containers used for egg products shall be clean prior to being filled, and re-usable containers must be cleaned, disinfected and rinsed before being filled.
4. Containers shall be brought into any work room in a hygienic manner and shall be used without undue delay.
5. Immediately after packaging, the containers shall be closed and placed in the storage rooms referred to in paragraph 7 of Part I of Schedule 8.
6. Containers intended for egg products may also be used for other foods if required, but only if they are cleaned and disinfected so as not to contaminate the egg products.
7. Containers which are to be used for the transport of egg products in bulk shall comply with all requirements of hygiene, and in particular the following—
 - (a) their inside surfaces and any other part which may come into contact with any egg product shall be made of a smooth material which is easy to wash, clean and disinfect, resists corrosion and does not transfer substances to the egg product in such quantities as to endanger human health, cause deterioration in the composition of the egg product or adversely affect its organoleptic characteristics,
 - (b) they shall be designed so that the egg product can be removed completely and, if they are fitted with taps, these shall be easy to remove, dismantle, wash, clean and disinfect,
 - (c) they shall be washed, cleaned, disinfected and rinsed immediately after each use and, if necessary, before re-use,
 - (d) they shall be appropriately sealed after being filled and remain sealed during transportation until they are used, and
 - (e) they shall be reserved for the transport of egg products.