Amendment to the Accredited Poultry Farms (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1961(a)

2. The Accredited Poultry Farms (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1961, shall be amended as follows:—

(1) Paragraph (*k*) of Article 13 thereof shall be revoked.

(2) In paragraph (*m*) of Article 13 thereof the words "the Eighth Schedule or" shall be revoked.

(3) The Eighth Schedule thereto shall be revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and sixty-two, in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. A. V. Sanderson,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and sixty-two, in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. W. Arthur,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the Scheme but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Scheme withdraws the restriction on the sale of hatching eggs and day-old chicks after 31st May, 1962, by owners of farms accredited in Grade I and Grade II.

1962. No. 75 **[C]**

AGRICULTURE

Accredited Poultry Farms Scheme

SCHEME, DATED 9TH APRIL, 1962, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949(b), AND UNDER SECTION 2 OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1958(c).

The Ministry of Agriculture by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sub-section (1) of section nine of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, and by sub-sections (1) and (3) of section two of the Diseases

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 87. (b) 1949. c. 2. (c) 1958. c. 13.

of Animals Act (Northern Ireland), 1958, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

PART I—GENERAL

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Accredited Poultry Farms Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1962, and shall come into operation on the 10th day of April, 1962.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:—

"Accredited" means approved by the Ministry in accordance with this Scheme, and "accreditation" shall be construed accordingly;

"As hatched" means not sexed;

"Authorised" means authorised by the Ministry;

"Contract Supply Farm" means a farm which is not an accredited farm but is approved in accordance with the Eighth Schedule to supply under contract, to the hatchery specified in the contract, hatching eggs from birds obtained from a Parent Breeding Farm;

"Day-old chick" means a chick not more than forty-eight hours old;

"Heavy Breeds" and "Light Breeds" have the meanings commonly accepted by poultry keepers. Examples of heavy breeds are Rhode Island Red, White Wyandotte, Light Sussex, Buff Rock and Barred Rock, and of light breeds are White Leghorn, Black Leghorn, Brown Leghorn and Ancona;

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture;

"Parent Breeding Farm" means an accredited farm which has a contract with supply farms approved in accordance with Article 17;

"Poultry" means domestic fowl;

"Reactor" means a bird which has shown a positive reaction to a blood-test carried out by the Ministry;

"Rearing Farm" means a farm which is not an accredited farm but is approved by the Ministry to rear chicks obtained from a Parent Breeding Farm for subsequent distribution to a Contract Supply Farm in accordance with the Ninth Schedule;

"Special Breeding Farm" means a farm registered under the Poultry Breeding Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1958(a).

Register of Accredited Farms

3. With the object of aiding and improving the breeding of poultry, developing its commercial characteristics, and promoting the breeding and distribution of stocks free from disease, a register of farms in Northern Ireland called "Accredited Farms" which have been accredited in accordance with this Scheme shall be prepared and kept by the Ministry. The Register shall contain separate sections for the different types of farm described in the Fourth Schedule.

Reservation

4. The Ministry neither gives nor implies any guarantee as to the quality or health of eggs or stock from Registered farms and the Ministry shall not be liable for losses incurred by any person due to disease or any other shortcoming in such eggs or stock.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 80.

PART II—CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL ACCREDITED FARMS

Application for Registration

5. Application for registration shall be made to the Ministry in the form prescribed in the First Schedule on or before 14th April, 1962, provided that the Ministry may in exceptional circumstances accept applications after that date. Each application shall be accompanied by a fee as follows:—

(*a*) For a Special Breeding Farm £2
(*b*) For a farm intended to be accredited as a Parent Breeding Farm ... £2
(*c*) For a farm intended to be accredited in Grade I or Grade II £1

If the farm is not provisionally approved for accreditation in accordance with Article 6 the fee shall be returned, but if otherwise it shall be retained.

Provisional Approval

6.—(1) Provisional approval shall be granted to a farm
(*a*) which is a Special Breeding Farm, or
(*b*) which is a Parent Breeding Farm,

provided that in each case the breeding policy of the farm has been approved by the Ministry.

(2) Provisional approval may be granted to any other farm
(*a*) on which the stock is, in the opinion of the Ministry, suitable for accreditation subject to satisfactory blood-test, and on which the stock has been derived from a source approved by the Ministry; and
(*b*) which, together with its equipment, complies with the conditions set out in the Second Schedule.

(3) The Ministry may refuse to grant provisional approval to any farm which was registered in a previous year and was removed from the Register by reason of the failure on the part of the owner to observe any of the conditions of the Scheme.

Accreditation

7.—(1) A provisionally approved farm shall be accredited as defined in the Fourth Schedule where:—

(*a*) the entire adult stock, with the exception of birds kept in accordance with the Sixth Schedule, has been blood tested during 1962 as laid down in the Third Schedule and is free from reactors, provided that the Ministry may accredit at its discretion a farm on which a part of the stock has been blood tested and is free from reactors and where it is satisfied that this part has been effectively isolated from the remainder of the stock;
(*b*) the stock appears to an authorised officer to be healthy;
(*c*) the breeding stock has been selected by an authorised officer who has also marked with sealed and numbered leg bands supplied by the Ministry the birds selected for pure-bred matings, provided that on a Special Breeding Farm or a Parent Breeding Farm selection and identification of breeding stock shall be carried out in accordance with the approved breeding programme by or on behalf of the owner of the farm;
(*d*) the accommodation, management, stock and equipment continue to comply with the conditions of the Scheme.

(2) Accreditation shall, unless withdrawn or surrendered, remain in force

until 31st August, 1963. Where an accredited farm is in the process of changing to a Contract Supply Farm, accreditation shall be withdrawn as soon as the new stock from the Parent Breeding Farm reaches point of lay.

Withdrawal of Accreditation

8. The Ministry may withdraw accreditation from and remove from the Register any farm the owner of which fails to observe any of the conditions applicable to him.

Identification

9.—(1) All eggs sold for hatching shall be stamped with a stamp supplied by the Ministry. Where chicks are to be sold the accompanying delivery note shall be stamped with the stamp supplied by the Ministry.

(2) The advertising, sale or distribution of hatching eggs or chicks shall not begin until the stamp is received. All advertisements shall include a reference to the number on the stamp.

(3) The stamp shall be returned to the Ministry

(*a*) in all cases where reactors are found, where the Ministry has evidence that disease exists on the farm, or where accreditation is withdrawn;

(*b*) on request; and

(*c*) where there is a change of ownership.

Size of Hatching Eggs

10. The owner of an accredited farm shall not sell for hatching—

(*a*) eggs which are less than 2 oz. in weight except in the case of approved broiler crosses which shall be not less than $1\frac{7}{8}$ oz. in weight; or

(*b*) eggs which are over-sized, badly-shaped, thin- or rough-shelled, or of inferior colour.

Maintenance of Stock and Equipment

11. The owner of an accredited farm shall maintain the stock and equipment to the satisfaction of the Ministry.

Inspection

12. The owner of an accredited farm shall permit the inspection of the farm, stock, equipment and records by an authorised officer at any reasonable time.

Keeping of Birds for Commercial Egg Production

13. The owner of an accredited farm may keep birds for commercial egg production. Where such birds are kept they shall be kept in accordance with the conditions of the Sixth Schedule.

Disease Precautions

14.—(1) An applicant for registration or an owner of an accredited farm shall permit the Ministry to take all the precautions against disease set out in paragraph (1) of the Third Schedule.

(2) An applicant for registration or an owner of an accredited farm shall take all the precautions against disease set out in paragraph (2) of the Third Schedule.

(3) No blood testing other than that carried out by the Ministry shall be recognised for the purposes of this Scheme.

Modification of Conditions Applying to Individual Farms

15. The Ministry may issue a written authorisation modifying the provisions of this Scheme to the owner of an individual farm. Such modification will be based on the breeding programme of the farm.

PART III—SPECIAL CONDITION APPLICABLE TO OWNERS OF FARMS ACCREDITED AS SPECIAL BREEDING FARMS

16. A special breeding farm shall comply with the terms of the Poultry Breeding Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1958.

PART IV—SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO OWNERS OF FARMS ACCREDITED AS PARENT BREEDING FARMS

17. The owner of a Parent Breeding Farm

(*a*) shall satisfy the Ministry that the breeding programme is likely to result in an improvement of the commercial characteristics of the stock;

(*b*) shall not distribute any stock to a Contract Supply Farm unless under a written contract approved by the Ministry;

(*c*) shall not enter into such contract unless the proposed Contract Supply Farm has been inspected and approved by the Ministry in accordance with the Eighth Schedule;

(*d*) shall not distribute stock to a Rearing Farm unless that farm has been inspected and approved by the Ministry in accordance with the Ninth Schedule;

(*e*) shall each year submit an entry to Part II of the Ministry's Poultry Test at Gosford of all breeds, strains or crosses mated on Contract Supply Farms.

PART V—SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO OWNERS OF FARMS ACCREDITED IN GRADE I OR GRADE II

18. The owner of a farm accredited in Grade I or Grade II

(*a*) shall issue a dated, signed and stamped delivery note with each consignment of hatching eggs or chicks showing the number of eggs or chicks in the consignment. He shall retain a duplicate copy of this note;

(*b*) shall breed, hatch and rear the pullet replacements for the breeding pens in subsequent years except that to the owners of farms accredited in Grade II the Ministry may grant prior permission in writing authorising the purchase of hatching eggs or of day-old chicks for pullet replacements from a Special Breeding Farm or from a farm accredited in Grade I;

(*c*) shall not obtain hatching eggs, chicks or other birds except from a source approved by the Ministry;

(*d*) shall effectively separate the birds mated for pure bred chicks from those mated for crosses;

(*e*) shall mate flocks for the production of first-cross eggs or chicks only as prescribed in the Fifth Schedule;

(*f*) shall, where reactors are found on the blood testing of his poultry or the presence of Fowl Typhoid, Pullorum (Bacillary White Diarrhoea) or other Salmonella disease is confirmed by post-mortem examination, cease distributing hatching eggs, day-old chicks or older stock until he is notified by the Ministry that he may resume distribution;

(*g*) (i) shall keep in the books provided by the Ministry for the purpose careful records of the number of eggs produced each day by the mated birds (pures and crosses separately) and, in the case of hatching eggs, chicks or stock birds, of the date supplied and the name and address of the purchaser;

(ii) shall return the books to the Ministry on request;

(*h*) shall, where he is selling chicks in accordance with Article 2 of the Fifth Schedule, submit to the Ministry in respect of each month a return showing—

(i) the number of chicks of each breed or cross supplied;

(ii) the date on which supplied; and

(iii) the name and address of the purchaser.

He shall forward such return to reach the Ministry not later than the 5th of the month following that to which the return relates;

(*i*) (i) shall mate for the production of pure bred chicks only hens which have completed at least one year's laying and which have been hatched not later than 31st March, 1961, in the case of heavy breeds and not later than 30th April, 1961 in the case of light breeds;

(ii) shall mate a minimum of 60 such hens of the principal breed on the farm and shall not mate more than one further pure breed or variety. If he mates a second breed or variety he shall mate at least 36 hens;

(iii) shall maintain the pure bred matings until adequate replacements have been hatched;

(*j*) shall not bring additional birds into the breeding pens after the birds in the pens have been selected and ringed except with the consent of the Poultry Advisory Officer;

(*k*) (i) shall not keep more than two breeds or varieties of a breed on the accredited farm;

(ii) shall not keep or permit any person residing on his farm to keep, either singly or jointly with him, poultry on a farm other than an accredited farm, nor any poultry other than poultry in or bred from the accredited flocks;

(iii) shall not permit any person to keep poultry other than accredited poultry on his home farm;

provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted as precluding the owner of an accredited farm who is changing to a Contract Supply Farm from bringing on to his farm young stock from a Parent Breeding Farm;

(*l*) shall not bring on to the farm stock cockerels or eggs or chicks from which he intends primarily to raise stock cockerels except as prescribed in the Seventh Schedule;

(*m*) shall not vary the arranged breeding programme without consulting the Poultry Advisory Officer.

PART VI—SPECIAL CONDITION APPLICABLE TO OWNERS OF FARMS ACCREDITED IN GRADE I.

19. The owner of a farm accredited in Grade I shall submit an application for at least one entry of egg laying strains to the Ministry's Poultry Test at Gosford.

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(L.S.) *W. A. V. Sanderson,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

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FIRST SCHEDULE

Accredited Farm Stamp No. (if previously accredited).

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

ACCREDITED POULTRY FARMS SCHEME, 1962

FORM NO. 1

Form of Application for Registration of Special Breeding Farms or farms intended to be Accredited as Parent Breeding Farms

1. I (Mr., Mrs., Miss).....
(Give full Christian name and surname in Capitals)

of .....
(State full address)

.....

Telephone No..... County.....
hereby apply for registration under the above-mentioned Scheme.

2. I hereby undertake, in the event of my farm being accredited, to comply with all the provisions of the Scheme.

3. I enclose.....to the value of £2 in payment of my
(Postal Order, Cheque, etc.)
registration fee.

4. The total number of birds at present on my farm is as follows:

Birds over five months old

Number of Males	Number of Females
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
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Birds under five months old

Number of Pullets	Date of Hatching
.....	.....
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Number of Cockerels	Date of Hatching
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5. If my farm is *not* provisionally approved for registration I do not (delete words which do not apply) wish to have my birds blood-tested at the appropriate fees.

6. The name of my Poultry Advisory Officer (Instructor) is.....

Date..... Signature.....

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

ACCREDITED POULTRY FARMS SCHEME, 1962

FORM NO. 2

Accredited Farm Stamp No. (if previously accredited).

Form of Application for registration of farms intended to be accredited in Grade I or Grade II section

1. I (Mr., Mrs., Miss).....
(Give full Christian name and surname in Capitals)

of .....
(State full address)

.....

Telephone No..... County.....
hereby apply for registration under the above-mentioned Scheme.

2. I hereby undertake, in the event of my farm being accredited, to comply with all the provisions of the Scheme.

3. I enclose.....to the value of £1 in payment of my
(Postal Order, Cheque, etc.)
registration fee.

4. The total number of birds at present on my farm is as follows:

Females Breed	No. hatched before 1st May, 1961	No. hatched during 1961/62 in the month of							
		Sept. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1961	Jan. 1962	Feb. 1962	March 1962	April 1962 (estimated)

Cockerels for Breeding Breed	No. hatched before 1st May, 1961	No. hatched during 1961/62 in the month of							
		Sept. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1961	Jan. 1962	Feb. 1962	March 1962	April 1962 (estimated)

5. If my farm is *not* provisionally approved for registration I do not (delete words which do not apply) wish to have my birds blood-tested at the appropriate fees.

6. The name of my Poultry Advisory Officer (Instructor) is.....

Date..... Signature.....

SECOND SCHEDULE

Conditions Governing Provisional Approval

The applicant shall:

(*a*) have the prescribed minimum number of pure-bred female birds of the required standard and age of one or two breeds and an adequate number of pullets of the same breed or breeds coming forward for replacements;

(*b*) have available adequate incubating and rearing equipment;

(*c*) have sufficient suitable land to permit of adequate segregation and of good management;

(*d*) have adequate suitable housing for all the stock;

(*e*) dispose of unsuitable or ineligible birds (including birds hatched after 31st March, 1962, in the case of heavy breeds and after 30th April, 1962, in the case of light breeds).

THIRD SCHEDULE

Disease Precautions

1. The Ministry may:—

(*a*) carry out free of charge a blood test of all the adult birds on each provisionally approved farm provided that flocks which are kept for commercial egg production in accordance with the Sixth Schedule may not require testing if there is no evidence of infection on the farm;

(*b*) where reactors occur on a farm accredited in Grade II, inform licensed hatcheries but, as stated in Article 4, the Ministry shall not be liable for any loss to any person attributable in part or in whole to any neglect or omission in the performance of this service;

(*c*) where Fowl Typhoid, Pullorum (Bacillary White Diarrhoea) or other Salmonella disease is confirmed on a farm accredited in Grade II either as a result of a post-mortem examination or following a blood test, inform licensed hatcheries but, as stated in Article 4, the Ministry shall not be liable for any loss to any person attributable in part or in whole to any neglect or omission in the performance of this service;

(*d*) where more than one per cent. of reactors are found in one flock the Ministry may require two consecutive clear tests of this flock and any further check tests considered necessary;

(*e*) where, in the opinion of the Ministry, disease is widespread, require two consecutive clear tests;

(*f*) require the discontinuance wholly or in part of the distribution of hatching eggs, chicks or birds of any description;

(*g*) require the removal from incubators of all or any eggs;

(*h*) require the discontinuance of hatching;

(*i*) require the blood testing of any poultry or other fowls on the farm;

(*j*) require the owner of an accredited farm to notify customers who have been supplied with birds which, in the Ministry's opinion, have been exposed to the risk of infection on the owner's premises prior to their despatch;

(*k*) where, as a result of a post-mortem examination on a bird from an Accredited Farm, a Rearing Farm or a Contract Supply Farm, the presence of Fowl Typhoid, Pullorum Disease (Bacillary White Diarrhoea) or other Salmonella infections is confirmed, require testing to be carried out until the farm is clear; and

(*l*) require the further testing of a farm from which the flock or flocks in which the reactors were found have been disposed of.

2. The owner of an Accredited Farm shall:—

(*a*) where he has reason to suspect that disease exists in one of his flocks, immediately send a representative sample of specimens which are either

sick or have recently died to the Veterinary Research Division, Ministry of Agriculture, The Farm, Stormont, Belfast, 4, accompanied by a document bearing his accredited stamp and details of the symptoms noted, the percentage death rate and the percentage sickness rate along with any other information he may consider important;

(*b*) maintain in a suitable book records of all losses by disease or through any other cause;

(*c*) carry out such disinfection and fumigation as may be directed by the Ministry;

(*d*) cut the tail feathers of all reactors and keep the birds in isolation pending disposal for table purposes which must be accomplished within fourteen days of the test except when the Ministry's permission has been granted to retain the birds pending further examination or testing;

(*e*) give adequate assistance to the Ministry's Officer when the blood samples are being taken;

(*f*) not retain for breeding purposes survivors of batches of chickens infected in outbreaks of Fowl Typhoid, Pullorum Disease (Bacillary White Diarrhoea) or other Salmonella infections amongst chicks;

(*g*) if he is the owner of a farm accredited in Grade I or of a Special Breeding Farm and has supplied eggs to a licensed hatchery within a period of 21 days prior to an official test in which a reactor occurred, notify the licensed hatchery of the result within 24 hours of the test;

(*h*) if he is the owner of a farm accredited in Grade I or of a Special Breeding Farm and has supplied eggs to a licensed hatchery within a period of 21 days prior to the sending up of a carcase in which the presence of disease is confirmed by post-mortem examination, notify the licensed hatchery of the presence of Fowl Typhoid, Pullorum (Bacillary White Diarrhoea) or other Salmonella disease within 24 hours of receipt of confirmation;

(*i*) if he is the owner of a farm accredited in Grade I or of a Special Breeding Farm and has supplied eggs to a licensed hatchery within a period of 21 days prior to Fowl Typhoid, Pullorum (Bacillary White Diarrhoea) or other Salmonella disease being confirmed on the farm, notify the hatchery of the presence of such disease within 24 hours of receipt of confirmation.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

Grading of Accredited Farms

Special Breeding Farms

Farms approved under the Poultry Breeding Scheme.

Parent Breeding Farms

Approved farms as defined in Article 2.

Grade I Farms

Farms on which all the stock is of a high standard, with general regard to type, production records and management. Results at the Ministry's Poultry Testing Station shall be taken into consideration.

Grade II Farms

Farms which are of suitable standard for accreditation but below the requirements for Grade I shall be registered in this grade.

FIFTH SCHEDULE

Conditions upon which birds may be mated for first crosses on farms accredited in Grade I or Grade II

On a farm accredited in Grade I or Grade II flocks may be mated for the production of first-cross eggs or chicks provided that the following conditions are observed:—

1. *Where first-cross eggs only are to be sold*

(*a*) where pullets are to be mated, the birds shall be at least 9 months old at the time of mating;

(*b*) eggs shall not be sold for hatching until at least three weeks after the date of mating;

(*c*) not more than two different crosses shall be made on any farm at any one time provided that special permission may be given by the Ministry to mate not more than two different crosses of each breed or variety at any one time on farms on which there are at least 200 hens suitable for pure bred mating and on which effective arrangements have been made for the separation of the various flocks;

(*d*) female birds of not more than two breeds or varieties may be mated for crosses and for pure-bred chicks;

(*e*) two white or predominantly white breeds shall not be mated together without the prior permission of the Ministry in writing, except that White Leghorn may be mated with Light Sussex and Light Sussex may be mated with White Leghorn;

(*f*) a Light Sussex or a Columbian Plymouth Rock male shall not be used for crossing with hens of any breed other than White Leghorn without the prior permission of the Ministry in writing;

(*g*) all the eggs from birds mated for the production of first-crosses shall be sold unless special permission has been obtained for the sale of first-cross day-old chicks.

2. *Where first-cross chicks as well as first-cross eggs are to be sold*

Farms on which incubators (preferably of cabinet type) of at least 1,500 egg capacity are installed and on which there are 200 hens suitable for pure-bred mating may obtain special permission to hatch first-cross chicks. Such permission shall be granted on condition that the provisions of Paragraph 1 have been complied with and that—

(*a*) only eggs produced on the owner's farm shall be hatched;

(*b*) unless the Ministry otherwise directs, the chicks shall not be retained for longer than 48 hours;

(*c*) suitable facilities shall be available for ensuring cleanliness and the avoidance of the spread of disease. When chicks are being sexed and boxed and the boxes placed ready for despatch, the pure-bred chicks shall be kept separate from the first-cross chicks. A separate incubator room, a sexing and despatch room and a wash room fitted with a supply of hot and cold water, will normally be required.

SIXTH SCHEDULE

Conditions upon which birds may be kept for commercial egg production on accredited farms

The owner of an accredited farm may keep for commercial egg production a flock of birds of the breed or breeds approved for accreditation in the 1962/63 season, provided that the prior approval of the Ministry is obtained. The following conditions shall apply:—

1. The flock shall consist only of birds which have been bred and reared on the farm.

2. Such flocks shall not be mated and shall be adequately segregated from the breeding flocks.

3. A record of the egg production of such flocks shall be maintained and made available to the Ministry.

4. Birds in these flocks shall be subject to such inspection and tests for disease as the Ministry may require.

SEVENTH SCHEDULE

Procedure to be observed by owners of Grades I and II Accredited Farms wishing to obtain Stock Cockerels

Grade I Farms

Owners of Grade I farms shall obtain stock cockerels or eggs or chicks from which primarily to raise stock cockerels only from Special Breeding Farms, Parent Breeding Farms or other Grade I farms.

Grade II Farms

Owners of Grade II farms shall obtain stock cockerels or eggs or chicks from which primarily to raise stock cockerels only from Special Breeding Farms, Parent Breeding Farms, Grade I farms or from other approved sources.

Surplus cockerels obtained by a Grade II farm shall only be eligible for sale as from a Grade II farm.

EIGHTH SCHEDULE

1. Only birds supplied direct from the Parent Breeding Farm or a Rearing Farm shall be kept on a Contract Supply Farm. No birds from any other source shall be kept on such a farm with the exception that unmated stock on the farm at the time of first application may be retained unmated if it has passed the blood test in accordance with the Third Schedule.

2. The owner of a Contract Supply Farm shall, when he wishes to change the Parent Breeding Farm to which he is under contract dispose of all stock from the original Parent Breeding Farm before bringing on to his farm stock from the new Parent Breeding Farm.

3. The owner of a Contract Supply Farm shall stamp all eggs sold for hatching with a numbered stamp identifying the farm and provided by the Parent Breeding Farm.

4. The owner of a Contract Supply Farm shall not send eggs for hatching to any licensed hatchery other than that specified in the contract.

5. The owner of a Contract Supply Farm shall not distribute for hatching eggs which are less than 2 ounces in weight except that where the eggs are from a broiler strain specially approved by the Ministry in writing they shall be not less than $1\frac{7}{8}$ ounces; nor shall eggs which are not of good shell shape and texture be distributed for hatching. Such eggs or eggs from the mated flock which are not required at the specified hatchery shall be disposed of for table purposes.

6. The owner of a Contract Supply Farm shall take such precautions against disease as the Ministry may from time to time direct. He shall also permit the Ministry to blood test the birds free of charge at such times as it may require. No blood testing other than that carried out by the Ministry shall be recognised.

7. The following records shall be kept at the Contract Supply Farm:—
Number of chicks received from the Parent Breeding Farm.
Mortality—up to 8 weeks;
up to point of lay;
at end of laying season.

8. The stock and records shall be available for inspection by the Ministry at any reasonable time.

9. The Ministry may withdraw approval of the farm at any time.

NINTH SCHEDULE

Conditions applicable to Rearing Farms

1. The owner of a Rearing Farm shall take such precautions against disease as the Ministry may from time to time direct.

2. The owner of a Rearing Farm shall accept chicks from one Parent Breeding Farm only.