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AGRICULTURE

Accredited Poultry Farms Scheme

SCHEME, DATED 25TH MARCH, 1964, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949(a) AND UNDER SECTION 2 OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958(b).

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 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) 1964, and shall come into operation on the 26th day of March, 1964.

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 Rearing Farm" means a farm which is not an accredited farm but is approved in accordance with the Ninth Schedule to rear under contract chicks obtained from a source approved 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 hatching eggs under contract to a licensed hatchery under arrangements, covering both the source of supply of the stock and the disposal of the hatching eggs, which have been approved by the Ministry.

"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 entered into arrangements approved by the Ministry 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.

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

(a) 1949. c. 2. (b) 1958. c. 13. (c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 80.

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.

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 13th April, 1964, 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 farm intended to be accredited in Grade I or Grade II ... £1 10 0

(*b*) For a Special Breeding Farm £5 0 0

(*c*) For each farm intended to be accredited as a Parent Breeding Farm £5 0 0
plus an additional fee of £1
(i) in respect of each Contract Supply Farm in possession of stock distributed from the Parent Breeding Farm and
(ii) in respect of each farm for which application is made (whether at the same time or subsequently) for approval as a new Contract Supply Farm.

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 stock which is sufficiently mature, with the exception of birds kept in accordance with the Sixth Schedule, has been blood tested during 1964 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*) any breeding stock on the farm 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, 1965. 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 or part of a farm in the event of the person in whose name it is accredited and registered failing 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.

Sale 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 bring on to the Parent Breeding Farm stock from any outside source without the prior permission of the Ministry in writing;

(*c*) shall not distribute or permit to be distributed any stock to a Contract Supply Farm or a Contract Rearing Farm except under arrangements which have been approved by the Ministry;

(*d*) shall ensure that entries of their stock are submitted to Section II of the Ministry's Poultry Test at Gosford in such manner and in such number as shall be provided for in the approved arrangements.

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 not keep or permit any person to keep on the accredited farm birds other than birds approved by the Ministry:
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 or from a Contract Rearing Farm;

(*b*) 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;

(*c*) shall obtain hatching eggs, chicks or other birds only from a source approved by the Ministry and shall retain for inspection evidence of such purchase;

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

(*e*) 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;

(*f*) 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;

(*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 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 paragraph 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.

PART VI

SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO OWNERS OF FARMS ACCREDITED IN GRADE I

19. In addition to complying with the requirements specified in Article 18 the owner of a farm accredited in Grade I

(*a*) shall breed, hatch and rear the pullet replacements for the breeding pens in subsequent years;

(*b*) 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, 1963, in the case of heavy breeds and not later than 30th April, 1963, in the case of light breeds;

(*c*) shall mate a minimum of 60 such hens of the principal breed on the farm. If he mates further breeds or varieties with the approval of the Ministry he shall mate at least 36 hens of each of these breeds or varieties;

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

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

(*f*) shall, where the farm is accredited for egg laying strains, submit an application to Section I of the Ministry's Poultry Test at Gosford for at least one entry of each breed kept on the farm for the production of pure bred foundation stock;

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

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

PART VII

SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE ONLY TO OWNERS OF FARMS ACCREDITED IN GRADE II

20. The owner of a farm accredited in Grade II shall comply with the following requirements in addition to those specified in Article 18.

(1) Where the breeding programme of the farm is based on the breeding of replacements from the pure bred stock on the farm the owner

(*a*) shall breed, hatch and rear the pullet replacements for the breeding pens in subsequent years, but the Ministry may give prior permission in writing for the purchase of hatching eggs or of day-old chicks for pullet replacements from a Parent Breeding Farm, a Special Breeding Farm, a farm accredited in Grade I or from such other source as it may approve;

(*b*) 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, 1963, in the case of heavy breeds and not later than 30th April, 1963, in the case of light breeds;

(*c*) 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;

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

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

(*f*) 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;

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

(2) Where the breeding programme of the farm is based on the annual purchase of replacements the owner

(*a*) shall not bring additional birds into the mating pens after the birds in the pens have been selected, except with the consent of the Poultry Advisory Officer;

(*b*) shall not vary the arranged mating programme without consulting the Poultry Advisory Officer;

(*c*) may obtain before the 31st March, 1965, adequate hatching eggs or day-old chicks for future pullet replacements from a Parent Breeding Farm, a Special Breeding Farm, a farm accredited in Grade I or from such other source as may be approved by the Ministry.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 25th day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-four, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. A. Young,*
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 25th day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-four, in the presence of

(L.S.) *R. H. Kidd,*
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Accredited Farm Stamp No. (if previously accredited).

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

ACCREDITED POULTRY FARMS SCHEME, 1964

FORM NO. 1

Form of Application for Registration of Special 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 £5 in payment of my registration fee.
(Postal Order, Cheque, etc.)

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*
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....

Birds under five months old

Number of Pullets	*Date of Hatching*
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....

Number of Cockerels	*Date of Hatching*
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....

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

Date..... **Signature**.....

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

ACCREDITED POULTRY FARMS SCHEME, 1964

FORM NO. 2

Accredited Farm Stamp No. (if previously accredited).

Form of Application for Registration of 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 in respect of the premises referred to below of which my Parent Breeding Farm consists:—

Address of Premises	*Owner of Premises*
(a)	.....
(b)	.....
(c)	.....

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 £.....representing
(Postal Order, Cheque, etc.)
£5 in payment of my registration fee, plus
£.....made up of a fee of £1 for each of the.....contract supply farms specified below.
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*
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....

Birds under five months old

Number of Pullets	*Date of Hatching*	*Number of Cockerels*	*Date of Hatching*
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
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5. The name of my Poultry Advisory Officer (Instructor) is.....
Date..... Signature.....

Names and Addresses of Contract Supply Farms for which the fee of £1 *each is enclosed:*

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

ACCREDITED POULTRY FARMS SCHEME, 1964

FORM NO. 3

Accredited Farm Stamp No. (if previously accredited).

Form of Application for registration of farms intended to be accredited in Grade I 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 10s. 0d. in payment
(Postal Order, Cheque, etc.)
of my registration fee.

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

Females Breed	*No. hatched before 1st May, 1963*	*No. hatched during 1963/64 in the month of*						
		Sept. 1963	*Oct. 1963*	*Nov. 1963*	*Dec. 1963*	*Jan. 1964*	*Feb. 1964*	*March 1964*

Cockerels for Breeding Breed	*No. hatched before 1st May, 1963*	*No. hatched during 1963/64 in the month of*						
		Sept. 1963	*Oct. 1963*	*Nov. 1963*	*Dec. 1963*	*Jan. 1964*	*Feb. 1964*	*March 1964*

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

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

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

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

ACCREDITED POULTRY FARMS SCHEME, 1964

FORM NO. 4

Accredited Farm Stamp No. (if previously accredited).

Form of Application for registration of farms intended to be accredited in 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 10s. 0d. in payment
(Postal Order, Cheque, etc.)
of my registration fee.
4. I wish, in the event of my farm being accredited to
*(*a*) breed, hatch and rear the pullet replacements for the breeding pens in subsequent years
or *(*b*) purchase hatching eggs or day-old chicks for future pullet replacements.
5. The total number of birds at present on my farm is as follows:

Females Breed	*No. Hatched before 1st May, 1963*	*No. hatched during 1963/64 in the month of*						
		Sept. 1963	*Oct.* 1963	*Nov.* 1963	*Dec.* 1963	*Jan.* 1964	*Feb.* 1964	*March* 1964

These females were *(*a*) hatched from eggs produced by my own pure-bred stock
*(*b*) obtained from.....
(state source of supply)
or *(*c*) hatched from eggs obtained from.....
(state source of supply)

Cockerels for Breeding Breed	*No. Hatched before 1st May, 1963*	*No. hatched during 1963/64 in the month of*						
		Sept. 1963	*Oct.* 1963	*Nov.* 1963	*Dec.* 1963	*Jan.* 1964	*Feb.* 1964	*March* 1964

These cockerels were *(*a*) hatched from eggs produced by my own pure-bred stock
*(*b*) obtained from.....
(state source of supply)
or *(*c*) hatched from eggs obtained from.....
(state source of supply)

6. If my farm is *not* provisionally approved for registration *I do / *I do not wish to have my birds blood-tested at the appropriate fees.
7. The name of my Poultry Advisory Officer (Instructor) is.....
Date..... Signature.....

*Delete words which do not apply.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Conditions governing Provisional Approval

1. The applicant shall:

(*a*) where the breeding programme of his farm will be based on the breeding of replacements from his own pure-bred stock, have on his farm a sufficient number of pure-bred female birds of one or two breeds so that, after culling and selection have been carried out, there shall remain for mating the minimum number of the required standard and age as prescribed in sub-paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) of paragraph (1) of Article 20;

(*b*) where the breeding programme of his farm is based on the annual purchase of replacements, have obtained from a source acceptable to the Ministry—

(i) either at least 200 pure-bred pullet chicks of one breed which have been hatched prior to 31st March, 1964, or sufficient hatching eggs to produce that number of such pullet chicks of the required age; and

(ii) if a second breed is kept, at least 100 pure-bred chicks of that breed which have been hatched prior to 31st March, 1964, or sufficient hatching eggs to provide that number of pullet chicks of the required age.

2. The applicant shall have available adequate rearing equipment and sufficient suitable land to permit of adequate segregation and of good management, and where replacements are to be hatched from his own stock, adequate incubating equipment.

3. The applicant shall have adequate suitable housing for all the stock.

4. The applicant shall dispose of unsuitable or ineligible birds (including birds hatched after 31st March, 1964).

THIRD SCHEDULE

Disease Precautions

1. The Ministry may

(*a*) carry out free of charge a blood test of all sufficiently mature 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; (birds will normally be regarded as sufficiently mature at the age of 16-20 weeks);

(*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 on account of the previous history of the farm or where more than one per cent. of reactors are found in one flock, 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 persistent or 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 Contract Rearing Farm or a Contract Supply Farm, the presence of Fowl Typhoid, Pullorum (Bacillary White Diarrhoea) or other Salmonella disease is confirmed, require testing to be carried out until such time as the flock is considered free from reactors; 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*) provide adequate facilities and assistance to the Ministry's Officer for catching and penning the birds;

(*f*) not retain for breeding purposes survivors of batches of chickens infected in outbreaks of Fowl Typhoid, Pullorum (Bacillary White Diarrhoea) or other Salmonella disease 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
Breeding 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 subject to the proviso that the Ministry may give permission for the mating of not more than two different crosses of each breed or variety to the owners of farms on which there are at least 500 birds suitable for mating and on which there is effective segregation of the various flocks;
   (*d*) 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;
   (*e*) 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;
   (*f*) 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 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*) there shall be adequate segregation of chicks of different breeds, varieties or strains during sexing, boxing and despatch;

(*c*) suitable facilities shall be available for ensuring cleanliness and the avoidance of the spread of disease. 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 a flock of birds for commercial egg production, 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 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

Conditions applicable to Contract Supply Farms

1. The owner of a Contract Supply Farm shall have available adequate equipment and housing to permit of good management.

2. The owner of a Contract Supply Farm shall keep for the production of hatching eggs only birds obtained under arrangements approved by the Ministry and shall send eggs for hatching to a licensed hatchery only under arrangements approved by the Ministry.

3. The Ministry reserves the right to impose restrictions on the number, source of supply and conditions under which birds are kept on a Contract Supply Farm for commercial egg production.

4. 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 free of charge the mated birds at such time as it may require and also birds kept on the farm for commercial egg production, if in the Ministry's opinion the testing of such birds is considered necessary. No blood testing other than that carried out by the Ministry shall be recognised.

5. The owner of a Contract Supply Farm shall stamp all eggs sold for hatching with a numbered stamp identifying the farm.

6. 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 and eggs from the mated flock which are not sent for hatching purposes shall be disposed of for table purposes.

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

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

NINTH SCHEDULE

Conditions applicable to Contract Rearing Farms

1. The owner of a Contract Rearing Farm shall have available adequate equipment and housing to permit of good management.

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

3. The owner of a Contract Rearing Farm shall accept chicks only from a source approved by the Ministry.

4. No adult birds shall be kept on a Contract Rearing Farm.

5. The following records shall be kept at a Contract Rearing Farm:—
Number of chicks received from the approved source;
Mortality—up to 8 weeks;
—up to date of disposal to Contract Supply Farm.

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

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This annual Scheme prescribes conditions for accredited poultry farms which are designed to aid, improve and develop the breeding of poultry.