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COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

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The Agriculture (Delegation of Pest Control Functions to County Agricultural Executive Committees) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954

Made - - - -	6*th December*, 1954
Laid before Parliament	10*th December*, 1954
Coming into Operation	11*th December*, 1954

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him by Section 72 of the Agriculture Act, 1947(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation, Commencement and Construction

1. These Regulations, which may be cited as the Agriculture (Delegation of Pest Control Functions to County Agricultural Executive Committees) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954, shall come into operation on the eleventh day of December, 1954, and shall be read as one with the Agriculture (Delegation of Pest Control Functions to County Agricultural Executive Committees) Regulations, 1948(b) (hereinafter called "the principal Regulations"). The principal Regulations and these Regulations may be cited together as the Agriculture (Delegation of Pest Control Functions to County Agricultural Executive Committees) Regulations 1948 to 1954.

Amendment of Principal Regulations

2. The principal Regulations shall be amended so as to include in the Schedule thereto in addition to the functions of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries specified therein his functions under the Agriculture Act, 1947, and under the Pests Act, 1954(c) which are specified in the Schedule to these Regulations.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this sixth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

(L.S.) *D. Heathcoat Amory,*
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48. (b) S.I. 1948/1069 (Rev. I, p. 81: 1948 I, p. 42).
(c) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 68.

SCHEDULE

Functions of the Minister	*Relevant enactment.* *Pests Act*, 1954
Making, varying and revoking rabbit clearance orders.	Section 1 (1)
Sanctioning the authorisation by an occupier of additional persons to kill rabbits with firearms.	Section 1 (4)
Authorising entry on and inspection of land.	Section 1 (8)
Publishing rabbit clearance orders; taking steps to bring them to the notice of persons likely to be affected and enabling them to purchase copies.	Section 1 (10)
Consulting persons representative of certain interests in areas designated in proposed rabbit clearance orders and giving notice of proposals to make such orders.	Section 1 (11)
Receiving and considering representations made by persons interested in land in areas designated in proposed rabbit clearance orders.	Section 1 (12)
Requiring occupiers of land and persons appearing to be interested in land or receiving rent in respect thereof to give certain information.	Section 4 (1)
Giving and revoking licences to use, elsewhere than in a rabbit hole, spring traps for the killing or taking of hares or rabbits.	Section 9 (3) and (4)
	Agriculture Act, 1947
Serving notices on occupiers of land requiring steps to be taken to destroy or reduce breeding places or cover for rabbits or to exclude rabbits therefrom, or to prevent rabbits living in any place on the land from spreading to or doing damage in any other place; receiving and considering objections to such notices and confirming them with or without modification.	Section 98 (7) (added by Section 2 (1) of the Pests Act, 1954).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

By these Regulations the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries delegates to County Agricultural Executive Committees certain of his functions under the Pests Act, 1954. These functions comprise those relating to the making and publication of rabbit clearance orders, the extension of the rights of certain occupiers as regards the shooting of rabbits in a rabbit clearance area, the destruction or reduction of breeding places and cover for rabbits, and the giving and revocation of licences permitting the trapping of hares or rabbits in the open.