EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order designates the Rural District of Antrim as the site of a New Town. The Order also distinguishes certain lands within the designated area as lands which the Ministry of Development proposes to acquire for the purposes of the proposed New Town.

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AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE

Ladders

REGULATIONS, DATED 8TH JULY 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1959(a).

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 1 of the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1959 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations as appear to it to represent the interest concerned, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Agriculture (Ladders) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966, shall come into operation on the 1st day of November 1966.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"ladder" does not include a permanently fixed ladder, or a ladder made of rope or other non-rigid material, but save as aforesaid includes every kind of ladder (including steps and a trestle-ladder), whether made of wood, metal or other material;

"rung" means the rail or tread, serving as a step, set into the stiles of a ladder;

"steps" means a ladder (other than a trestle-ladder) provided with a means of self-support;

"stile" means the side-rail of a ladder into which the rungs are fitted;

"tie-rod" means a metal rod, extending through both stiles, which is so secured as to prevent the stiles moving apart;

"trestle-ladder" means a ladder made of two frames hinged together at the top, both being fitted with rungs.

(a) 1959, c. 24.

Obligations on employer only

3.—(1) The employer of a worker employed in agriculture shall not cause or permit to be used by any worker so employed, in the course of his employment, any ladder unless it is of good construction and sound material, and is properly maintained.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing paragraph a ladder shall not be regarded as complying therewith if—

(*a*) where a ladder has wooden stiles or rungs, the grain thereof does not run lengthwise, or either stile or any rung contains any defect likely to weaken it which reasonable examination would disclose;

(*b*) where a ladder has wooden stiles, any rung of the ladder is supported solely by nails or screws;

(*c*) where a ladder has wooden rungs, the rungs are not fixed into the stiles by rabbet, notch or mortise, and (unless tie-rods are fitted not more than two feet from each end of the ladder and not more than eight feet apart throughout its length) are not through-tenoned and wedged in the stiles;

(*d*) in the case of steps or a trestle-ladder, it is not fitted with a device that is effective, in the circumstances in which it is used, in preventing the back support from spreading;

(*e*) (except in the case of a trestle-ladder) the distance between adjacent rungs exceeds twelve inches from centre to centre.

Obligations on both employer and worker

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation the employer of a worker employed in agriculture shall not cause or permit to be used by any worker so employed, in the course of his employment, and a worker employed in agriculture shall not, in the course of his employment, use any ladder if—

(*a*) it is not strong enough for the purpose and manner of its use;

(*b*) any rung is missing;

(*c*) it is not equally supported on each stile, and is not securely placed or held in position;

(*d*) the top of the ladder does not extend above any point at which it is necessary for the worker to get on or off the ladder.

(2) Sub-paragraph (*d*) of paragraph (1) shall not apply—

(*a*) to steps and trestle-ladders; or

(*b*) if there is available to the worker, apart from the ladder itself, some means of secure hand-hold.

Reporting by workers of defects

5.—(1) If any ladder, with which a worker employed in agriculture is employed to work, develops a defect to which this regulation applies, any such worker employed to work with that ladder, on discovering that defect, shall forthwith report it to his employer.

(2) The defects to which this regulation applies are—

(*a*) the absence of any rung;

(*b*) the cracking or breaking of any wooden stile or rung; and

(*c*) in the case of steps or a trestle-ladder, the absence or breaking of any step or cord with which such a ladder was designed to be operated.

(3) Nothing in this regulation shall absolve an employer from compliance with regulation 3, or an employer or worker from compliance with regulation 4.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture this 8th day of July 1966.

(L.S.) *A. McKelvie,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations, made under Section 1 of the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1959, prohibit an employer of a worker employed in agriculture from causing or permitting him to use any ladder unless it is of good construction and sound material and is properly maintained. They also prohibit the worker himself from using, as well as his employer from causing or permitting to be used, a ladder which does not comply with the prescribed conditions as to use. Workers employed in agriculture are given a responsibility to report prescribed defects to their employers.

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AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE

Power Take-offs

REGULATIONS, DATED 8TH JULY 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1959(a).

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 1 of the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1959 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations as appear to it to represent the interests concerned, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Agriculture (Power Take-off) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966, shall come into operation as follows:—

(*a*) regulation 3 hereof (which relates to the guarding of the power take-off of a tractor), and regulation 4 hereof (which relates to the guarding of the power take-off shaft of other machinery) shall come into operation on the 1st day of August 1967;

(*b*) the remainder of the regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of August 1966.

(a) 1959. c. 24.