EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The provisions of the Agriculture Act, 1947, conferring powers upon the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries relating to the prevention of damage by pests and the prevention of escape of captive animals, and supplementary provisions relating thereto, (sections 98 to 100 of the Act), are brought into operation on 1st June, 1948, by the Agriculture Act, 1947 (Commencement) (No. 3) Order, 1948 (S.I. 1948 No. 1005)(a). The present Regulations, made under section 72 of the Act, delegate to County Agricultural Executive Committees with effect from the same date the Minister's functions under the above-mentioned provisions, in relation to the animals to which the relevant section applies and in relation to the following birds, namely: wood-pigeons, rooks, jackdaws and pheasants.

The functions delegated to County Agricultural Executive Committees by these Regulations are additional to the functions delegated to them by the Agriculture (Delegation to County Agricultural Executive Committees) Regulations, 1948 (S.I. 1948 No. 187)(b).

The Agriculture (Special Directions) (Delegation to County Agricultural Executive Committees) Regulations, 1948

1948 No. 1796

Made - - - -	*30th July*, 1948
Laid before Parliament	*30th July*, 1948
Coming into Operation	*31st July*, 1948

In pursuance of section seventy-two of the Agriculture Act, 1947(c), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. As from the date on which these regulations come into operation, for the period ending with the thirty-first day of December, 1950, the functions of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries (hereinafter called "the Minister") under the powers conferred on him by paragraph (*d*) of subsection (2) of section ninety-five of the Agriculture Act, 1947 (which relates to the giving of directions as to the maximum area of land which may be maintained on an agricultural unit under pasture laid down with clover, grass, lucerne, sainfoin or other seeds or under herbage crops grown for commercial seed production) shall be exercisable by a County Agricultural Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of section seventy-one of the said Act.

2. The functions exercisable by a County Agricultural Executive Committee in accordance with the said provisions shall include such other powers or duties of the Minister arising under the said Act or under any other enactment as may be necessary or incidental to the exercise of the functions referred to in the preceding regulation.

3. Nothing in the preceding regulations shall be construed as limiting, qualifying or derogating from the right or power of the Minister to exercise the functions therein referred to, or any other of his functions, at any time while these regulations are in force.

(a) Page 3 above. (b) Page 38 above.

(c) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.

4.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) These regulations may be cited as the Agriculture (Special Directions) (Delegation to County Agricultural Executive Committees) Regulations, 1948, and shall come into operation on the 31st day of July, 1948.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 30th day of July, 1948.

(L.S.) *T. Williams.*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

By Section 95 of the Agriculture Act, 1947, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries can take power by Order to give directions to persons occupying or entitled to occupy agricultural land as to the use of such land for agriculture, and the manner in which and the produce for which it is to be so used; as to the carrying out of any work required to enable the land to be so used; as to any other matters which could form the subject of directions where the occupier of the land is under the Minister's supervision; and as to the maximum area of land which may be maintained on an agricultural unit under pasture or herbage crops.

By virtue of the Agriculture (Special Directions) (Maximum Area of Pasture) Order, 1948 (S.I. 1948 No. 1795)(b) the Minister is authorised to give directions as to the last of the above-mentioned matters only, and he may do so during the period ending with 31st December, 1950. By the present Regulations, the Minister delegates his functions under the said Order to County Agricultural Executive Committees, pursuant to section 72 of the Act. It is provided in the Regulations that the Minister's powers himself to exercise these functions are unaffected by their delegation.

(9) HILL FARMING

(i) *Cottages.*
(ii) *Delegation of Functions*, p. 46.
(iii) *Hill Cattle Schemes*, p. 48.
(iv) *Hill Sheep Schemes*, p. 50.

(i) COTTAGES

The Hill Farming (Cottages) (England and Wales) Regulations, 1948

1948 No. 853

Made - - - -	*21st April*, 1948
Laid before Parliament	*27th April*, 1948
Coming into Operation	*30th April*, 1948

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Section 10 of the Hill Farming Act, 1946(c), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and Application

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Hill Farming (Cottages) (England and Wales) Regulations, 1948, and shall apply to England and Wales.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) Page 82 below.
(c) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 73.