EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations are made after consultation with the Agricultural Statistics Advisory Committee established by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under section 77 of the Agriculture Act, 1947. The power to make the Regulations is conferred on the Minister by section 78 of the Act. The Regulations enable the Minister, for the purpose of obtaining statistical information relating to agriculture, to serve upon occupiers of land used or believed to be used for agriculture, notices requiring them to furnish in writing information relating to any of the matters specified in the First Schedule to the Regulations. The notices are to have annexed to them for completion by the person on whom the notice is served a form on the pattern set out in the Second Schedule to the Regulations. Not all of the information will be needed simultaneously: there is, therefore, provision for variation so that the particular form to be annexed to any notice can be devised by the Minister according to the season of the year and other considerations. The form, and any copy thereof, when completed with the required information, will be sent to the Minister, or such officer or servant authorised by him as may be specified in the notice.

These Regulations come into operation on 1st December, 1948, and as from that date the Order under which statistical information is at present obtained (The Agricultural Returns Order, 1939—S.R. & O. 1939 No. 1439) is being revoked by a separate Order.

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(8) COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

The Agriculture (Transfer of Functions to County Agricultural Executive Committees) Order, 1948

1948 No. 210

Made - - - -	*6th February*, 1948
Laid before Parliament	*10th February*, 1948
Coming into Operation	*16th February*, 1948

With respect to the Orders specified in Part I of the Schedule hereto, in pursuance of regulation 98 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939(**a**), as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945(**b**), as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947(**c**);

With respect to the Regulations specified in Part II of the Schedule hereto, in pursuance of subsection (2) of section 27 of the Agricultural Development Act, 1939(**d**), as amended by subsection (2) of section 11 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940(**e**), and by Section 1 of the Agricultural Development (Ploughing up of Land) Act, 1946(**f**);

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1939 (No. 927) I, p. 715.
(**b**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10.
(**c**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55.
(**d**) 2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 48.
(**e**) 3 & 4 Geo. 6. c. 14.
(**f**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 32.

With respect to the Order specified in Part III of the Schedule hereto, in pursuance of subsection (4) of section 11 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1941(a);

With respect to the Order specified in Part IV of the Schedule hereto, in pursuance of the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 to 1927; and

With respect to all of the above-mentioned Orders and Regulations, in pursuance of all other powers enabling him in that behalf,

the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries (hereinafter called " the Minister ") hereby makes the following Order:—

1. As from the date on which this Order comes into operation, the several Orders and Regulations specified in Parts I, II, III and IV of the Schedule hereto shall have effect in all respects as though for any reference therein to a War Agricultural Executive Committee, there were substituted a reference to a County Agricultural Executive Committee established by the Minister under the provisions of sub-section (1) of section seventy-one of the Agriculture Act, 1947(b); and as though for any reference in the said Orders and Regulations to persons appointed by the Minister as members of a War Agricultural Executive Committee, there were substituted a reference to persons appointed as members of a County Agricultural Executive Committee under the provisions in that behalf of paragraph 7 of the Ninth Schedule to the said Act; and as though any definition of the expression " War Agricultural Executive Committee " contained in the said Orders and Regulations were amended accordingly.

2.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Agriculture (Transfer of Functions to County Agricultural Executive Committees) Order, 1948, and shall come into operation on the sixteenth day of February, 1948.

(2) This Order applies to England and Wales.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 6th day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

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

SCHEDULE

PART I

The Cultivation of Lands Order, 1939 (S.R. & O. 1939 (No. 1078) I, p. 892).

*The Cultivation of Lands (County Boroughs) Order, 1939 (S.R. & O. 1939 (No. 1079) I, p. 895).

The Cultivation of Lands (Amendment) (No. 1) Order, 1939 (S.R. & O. 1939 (No. 1523) I, p. 894).

The Cultivation of Lands Order (No. 2), 1940 (S.R. & O. 1940 (No. 1197) II, p. 273.

The Cultivation of Lands (Boroughs of Deptford, Greenwich, Lewisham and Woolwich) Order, 1942 (S.R. & O. 1942 (No. 380) listed, I, p. 990).

(a) 4 & 5 Geo. 6. c. 50. (b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
* Revoked by S.I. 1948 No. 367, II, p. 35.

The Rabbits Order, 1940 (S.R. & O. 1940 (No. 431) II, p. 295).
The Rooks Order, 1940 (S.R. & O. 1940 (No. 585) II, p. 298).
The Rats Order, 1940 (S.R. & O. 1940 (No. 866) II, p. 296).
The Deer Order, 1940 (S.R. & O. 1940 (No. 966) II, p. 294).
The Wood Pigeons Order, 1940 (S.R. & O. 1940 (No. 967) II, p. 299).
The Registration and Control of Agricultural Contractors Order, 1940 (S.R. & O. 1940 (No. 1333) II, p. 271).
The Hops (Control of Cultivation) Order, 1940 (S.R. & O. 1940 (No. 2084) II, p. 278).
The Waste of Agricultural Foodstuff Order, 1942 (S.R. & O. 1942 (No. 726) II, p. 253).
*The Livestock Markets (Suspension) Order, 1942 (S.R. & O. 1942 (No. 823) II, p. 240).
The Corn (Sale of Standing Crops and Unthreshed Corn) Order, 1942 (S.R. & O. 1942 (No. 1092) II, p. 224).
The Livestock (Control) Order, 1942 (S.R. & O. 1942 (No. 1450) II, p. 234).
The Agricultural Produce (Preservation) Order, 1943 (S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 557) II, p. 106).
The Cereal Crops Order, 1943 (S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 1072) II, p. 82).
The Cereal Crops Order, 1945 (S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 425) II, p. 106).
The Grey Squirrels Order, 1943 (S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 1369) II, p. 1626).
The Hill Rams (Control) (No. 2) Order, 1943 (S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 1784) II, p. 91).
The Milk Marketing Board Order, 1943.
The Agricultural Gangmasters (Registration and Control) Order, 1944 (S.R. & O. 1944 (No. 635) II, p. 63).
The Bulls (Somerset) (Control) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 559) listed, I, p. 2419).
The Bulls (Cheshire) (Control) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 775) listed, I, p. 2419).
The Bulls (Staffordshire) (Control) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 777) listed, I, p. 2419).
The Bulls (Shropshire) (Control) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 778) listed, I, p. 2419).
The Bulls (Carmarthenshire) (Control) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 881) listed, I, p. 2419).
The Bulls (Cardiganshire) (Control) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 727) listed, I, p. 2819).
The Bulls (Glamorganshire) (Control) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 728) listed, I, p. 2819).
The Bulls (Derbyshire) (Control) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 1843) listed, I, p. 2819).
The Threshing Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 1058) II, p. 78).
†The Buckwheat, Millet and Canary Seed (Control of Cultivation) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 36) II, p. 40).

PART II

The Ploughing Grants Regulations, 1947 (S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 708) I, p. 60).

PART III

The Foul Brood Disease of Bees Order, 1942 (S.R. & O. 1942 (No. 530) I, p. 23).

PART IV

The Sugar Beet Eelworm Order, 1943 (S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 1136) I, p. 232).

* Revoked by S.I. 1948 No. 367, II, p. 35.
† Revoked by S.I. 1948 No. 2689, II, p. 27.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

With the bringing into force of Part V of the Agriculture Act, 1947, the County War Agricultural Executive Committees, which were established by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries early in the war for the performance of various functions relating to agriculture, are to be replaced by the County Agricultural Executive Committees established by the Minister under the provisions of that Part of the Act. In order to secure continuity, it is necessary that, at any rate for the time being, the functions of the " War Committees " under some existing Orders, whether made in pursuance of Defence Regulations or otherwise, should continue to be exercised by the new " County Committees ". The present Order, therefore, amends the existing Orders specified in the Schedule by substituting the " County Committees " for the " War Committees " mentioned therein.

This Order comes into operation on 16th February, 1948, the date on which the County Agricultural Executive Committees come into being.

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

1948 No. 187

Made - - - -	*24th February,* 1948
Laid before Parliament	*25th February,* 1948
Coming into Operation	*1st March,* 1948

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

1. The functions of the Minister relating to agriculture specified in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date when these regulations come into operation, be exercisable by a County Agricultural Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of section seventy-one of the 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 Act or under any other enactment as may be necessary or incidental to the exercise of the functions specified in the Schedule hereto.

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

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

(**a**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

* *See* also S.I. 1948 No. 209, p. 55 below.