Amendment of rule 1 of the principal rules

2. For rule 1 of the principal rules there shall be substituted the following rule:—

"**1.** The Public Search Room shall be open to persons desiring to consult indexes, catalogues and calendars or to inspect records on every day except Saturdays, Sundays, Bank Holidays and such other public or privilege holidays as may be observed in the Civil Service of Northern Ireland.

The hours of admission and attendance shall be from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or such later hour as the Ministry of Finance may from time to time determine."

Revocation

3. The Public Record Office (Public Use of the Records) Amendment Rules (Northern Ireland) 1957(**a**) are hereby revoked.

Signed this 30th day of November 1966.

H. V. Kirk,
Minister of Finance for Northern Ireland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Rules amend the Public Record Office (Public Use of the Records) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1957 to provide for extended hours of opening of the Public Record Office.

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STATISTICS OF TRADE

Census of Production (Exemption of Certain Undertakings)

THE CENSUS OF PRODUCTION (EXEMPTION) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966, DATED 24TH NOVEMBER 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTION 1(4) OF THE STATISTICS OF TRADE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949.

Whereas section 1(1) of the Statistics of Trade Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") provides that for the purpose of providing at intervals general surveys of the state of trade and business, the Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") shall in the year nineteen hundred and fifty and in every subsequent year take a census of production:

And whereas section 1(4) of the said Act empowers the Ministry by order to provide for exempting any persons or any prescribed class or description of persons from the obligation to furnish returns for the purposes of a census under the Act:

(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 249. (**b**) 1949. c. 7.

Now, therefore, the Ministry in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 1(4) of the Act hereby makes the following Order:—

1. Where, in any undertaking, the persons employed therein (including all working proprietors, clerical and typing staff and operatives inside or outside the factory or workshop) shall not exceed twenty-four on the average throughout the year nineteen hundred and sixty-six, the person or persons carrying on that undertaking shall, subject as hereinafter mentioned, be exempt from any requirement to furnish a census of production return for the purposes of the Act for that year provided, however, that such exemption shall not be applicable unless the person or persons carrying on the undertaking shall notify the Ministry that not more than twenty-four persons on the average during the said year have been employed in the undertaking.

2. Where any undertaking was engaged during the year nineteen hundred and sixty-six in mining and quarrying, the person or persons carrying on such an undertaking shall be exempt from any requirement to furnish a census of production return for that year in respect of any such operations.

3. This Order may be cited as the Census of Production (Exemption) Order (Northern Ireland) 1966.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 24th day of November 1966.

(L.S.) *K. R. Shimeld,*
Senior Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, which has been made with the approval of the Northern Ireland Trade Statistics Consultative Committee, prescribes that an undertaking employing not more than twenty-four persons shall be exempt from any requirement to furnish a return in respect of the census of production for the year 1966, and also exempts from the scope of the census all undertakings engaged in mining and quarrying.