The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, (in this Order referred to as " the Ministry ") by virtue and in exercise of the powers under paragraph (1) of Regulation 55 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, delegated to it by the Delegation of Emergency Powers (Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland) Order, 1941, made by the Secretary of State under paragraph (1) of Regulation 102A of the said Regulations, and by a Direction given by the Secretary of State, on the thirtieth day of June, 1942, for the purposes of the said Order, hereby orders as follows :—

1.—If a crop growing on any agricultural land or harvested or lifted therefrom, or in the process of being harvested or lifted therefrom, or any corn or foodstuff is damaged, or goes to waste as a result of any failure or delay of the occupier of that land, or of the owner of the crop, corn or foodstuff, in taking such steps as are reasonable to keep the crop, corn or foodstuff in good condition, the occupier of that land or the owner of the crop, corn or foodstuff, as the case may be, shall be guilty of an offence against this Order.

2.—Any person authorised by the Ministry may enter upon any premises on which he has reason to believe that an offence against this Order is being committed, and carry out such inspection and examination of the premises, and of the crops, corn or foodstuff thereon, and take such samples thereof as he shall think fit.

3.—For the purposes of this Order " foodstuff " means any article which enters into, or is capable of being used in the composition, manufacture or preparation of food for human or animal consumption.

4.—This Order may be cited as the Waste of Agricultural Foodstuffs (Northern Ireland) Order, 1942, and shall come into force on the 6th day of July, 1942.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this sixth day of July, Nineteen hundred and forty-two, in the presence of

(L.S.) *G. S. Robertson,*
Secretary.

Control of Employment in Agriculture.

ORDER, DATED 18TH FEBRUARY, 1942, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR UNDER REGULATION 58A OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

1942. No. 32.

The Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Regulation 58A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, hereby makes the following Order :—

1.—This Order may be cited as the Control of Employment (Agriculture) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1942, and shall come into operation on the sixteenth day of March, 1942.

2.—In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say—

" Agriculture " has the same meaning as in the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1939 ;

" Agricultural worker " means any person whose normal occupation is employment on work in agriculture, and " non-agricultural " employment means employment on work other than work in agriculture ;

" Benefit " has the same meaning as in the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1940 ;

" Court of Referees " means a court of referees appointed for the purpose of the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1940 ;

" Farmer " means a person carrying on an agricultural undertaking ;

" National Service Officer " means a National Service Officer authorised as such by the Ministry of Labour for the purpose of Regulation 58A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 ;

" Insured " means insured under the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1940.

3.—(1) It is hereby declared for the purposes of paragraph (4A) of Regulation 58A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, that work in agriculture appears to the Ministry of Labour to be essential to the life of the community.

(2) This Order shall not affect the operation of the Undertakings (Restriction on Engagement) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1941.

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this Article, a farmer shall not dismiss any insured agricultural worker from his employment, nor shall any insured agricultural worker leave his employment on work in agriculture, unless fourteen clear days' notice in writing of intention to terminate the employment has been given to the agricultural worker or farmer (as the case may be) and to the National Service Officer acting for the district :

Provided that where an insured agricultural worker employed by a farmer is guilty of misconduct, or a farmer has been guilty of misconduct towards an insured agricultural worker employed by him, nothing in

the foregoing provisions of this Article shall be construed as preventing such employer or worker from terminating the employment summarily and without notice.

(2) The foregoing provisions of this Article shall not apply to agricultural workers employed solely on work for which it is customary to make payment at piece rates or to agricultural workers casually employed in threshing work or to agricultural workers when called up for full-time duty as Special Constables.

5.—When any insured agricultural worker who is engaged on work in Agriculture leaves his employment, his employer shall forthwith transmit the worker's unemployment book to the National Service Officer for the district concerned.

6.—Where any insured agricultural worker holding an unemployment book bearing the industry letters ZTF, ZTG, ZVN, or ZVO is engaged in non-agricultural employment, the employer of such worker shall, upon the worker ceasing to be so engaged, forthwith transmit the worker's unemployment book to the National Service Officer for the district concerned.

7.—(1) When a National Service Officer

(*a*) gives to an insured agricultural worker who is in non-agricultural employment a direction to leave that employment ; or

(*b*) refuses to release under Article 8 of this Order an insured agricultural worker who is unemployed and has applied in writing to the National Service Officer for release ;

such worker shall, if he proves that he is unemployed and is capable of and available for work, be employed by the Ministry of Agriculture from the relevant date to the date on which he may be released under Article 8 of this Order, except during any periods when he is an inmate of any prison or workhouse or other institution supported wholly or partly out of public funds :

Provided that if such worker has lost his employment through his misconduct, or has voluntarily left his employment without just cause or has refused to accept suitable employment, he may be disqualified from being employed by the Ministry of Agriculture for a period of six weeks or such shorter period as may be determined.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) (*a*) of this Article the relevant date shall be the date specified in the direction when the worker is to leave the employment, and for the purposes of paragraph (1) (*b*) thereof shall be the date of receipt by the National Service Officer of the application for release, and such application shall be deemed to be received by the National Service Officer when the worker first signs the Employment Exchange Register as unemployed after the date on which this Order comes into operation.

(3) The rate of wages to be paid to such worker shall not be less than the rate of benefit appropriate in his case, or the rate of agricultural wages applying to the area where he lives or the rate of agricultural wages applying to the area where he was last employed, whichever is the highest.

8.—Where any insured agricultural worker is, in the opinion of the National Service Officer, not required for agricultural work, that worker may, for the time being, be released for work other than agricultural work, and the National Service Officer shall give notification in writing to the Employment Exchange of the date when the release is to take effect, such date not being earlier than the date when the notification is received at the Employment Exchange.

Provided that any release granted to an insured agricultural worker under this Article may be cancelled by the National Service Officer at any subsequent date, by a refusal to release.

9.—Any books, notices or other documents required by this Order to be transmitted to the National Service Officer for any district shall be treated as having been so transmitted, where such documents are deposited at, or sent to, the appropriate Employment Exchange for transmission to the National Service Officer for the district concerned.

10.—(1) If any question arises—

(*a*) whether a person is an agricultural worker within the meaning of this Order, or

(*b*) as to the period during which a worker is to be employed by the Ministry of Agriculture under paragraph (1) of Article 7 of this Order, or

(*c*) as to the period during which a worker may be disqualified from such employment under the proviso to that Article, or

(*d*) as to the date from which such disqualification shall begin, or

(*e*) the rate of wages to be paid to such worker under paragraph (3) of Article 7 of this Order,

such question shall, for the purposes of this Order, be decided by an Officer of the Ministry of Labour authorised in that behalf.

(2) If any question arises whether an agricultural worker is employed solely on work for which it is customary to make payment at piece rates or whether an agricultural worker is casually employed in threshing work, such question shall, for the purposes of this Order, be decided by an Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture authorised in that behalf.

11.—(1) If any person is aggrieved—

(*a*) by any decision given under Article 10 of this Order, or

(*b*) by a direction or refusal under paragraph (1) of Article 7 of this Order, or

(*c*) by any such termination of employment as is mentioned in the proviso to paragraph (1) of Article 4 of this Order

that person may within seven days after the decision, direction or refusal is notified to him, or within seven days after the termination of the employment (as the case may be), by notice in writing require the National Service Officer to submit the matter to a Court of Referees.

(2) When, in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Article, an aggrieved person requires a National Service Officer to submit a matter to a Court of Referees, the matter shall forthwith be submitted to and decided by that Court.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1) (*b*) of this Article a person shall not be deemed to be aggrieved by reason only of a reduction in earnings unaccompanied by other considerations.

12.—Any proceedings for an offence consisting of a contravention of, or non-compliance with, any provision of this Order may be instituted by the Ministry of Agriculture.

13.—This Order shall not apply to any male agricultural worker under the age of sixteen years, or to any female agricultural worker.

14.—The provisions of this Order shall be without prejudice to the operation of any directions given by the Ministry of Labour under Regulation 58A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, for requiring persons to perform services.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 18th day of February, 1942, in the presence of

R. R. Bowman,

(L.S.) Permanent Secretary.

ORDER, DATED 16TH JUNE, 1942, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR UNDER REGULATIONS 58A AND 98 OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

1942. No. 87.

The Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Regulations 58A and 98 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, hereby makes the following Order :—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Control of Employment (Agriculture) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1942, and shall