(9) HILL FARMING

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(i) CONTROL OF RAMS

The Control of Rams Regulations, 1949

rev., 1950/1311 **1949 No. 1623**

Made - - - -	26*th August*, 1949
Laid before Parliament	30*th August*, 1949
Coming into Operation	5*th September*, 1949

In pursuance of Section 18 of the Hill Farming Act, 1946(a), the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation, application and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Control of Rams Regulations, 1949, and shall come into operation on the fifth day of September, 1949.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them.

"Designated land" has the meaning assigned to it by Regulation 3 hereof;

"Ram" includes an uncastrated ram lamb;

"The Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and for the purposes of any functions delegated to them includes a local committee constituted under the Hill Farming Act, 1946.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Designated land

3. For the purpose of these Regulations land not normally cultivated and not fenced in such a way as to prevent rams from straying between sheep flocks in different ownerships grazing thereon shall be designated land.

Prohibition of keeping rams in specified areas

4. No person shall permit to be on any designated land in any area specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto any ram unless it has been approved by the Minister under these Regulations as being suitable for the purpose of breeding from the flocks from time to time on any such land in that area.

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

Prohibition of keeping rams during certain periods

5. Except under the authority of a licence granted in that behalf by the Minister, no person shall permit any ram (notwithstanding that it has been approved under the provisions of Regulation 4 hereof) to be on any designated land in any area specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto during such period as is specified in the second column of that Schedule opposite to the description of that area.

Inspection and marking of rams

6.—(1) Any person authorised in writing by the Minister either generally or specially may, on production of his authority, inspect any ram and for that purpose may, at any reasonable time and on production of his authority, enter any land or premises on or in which the person so authorised has reason to believe rams are kept.

(2) If a ram after inspection under these Regulations appears to the person by whom the inspection is carried out to be suitable for the purpose of breeding from the flocks from time to time on designated land in any area specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto, it may be marked by him on the hindquarters with the letter "A" not less than 6″ in height in a suitable indelible green colouring matter. A ram so marked by such person shall be deemed to have been approved under the provisions of Regulation 4 hereof.

(3) If, after such inspection as aforesaid, a ram appears to the person by whom the inspection is carried out to be unsuitable for the purpose aforesaid, it may be marked by him on the hindquarters with a letter "R" not less than 6″ in height in a suitable indelible red colouring matter and the Minister shall thereupon give notice to the owner or person having control of such ram that it has been so marked.

Slaughter and castration of rams

7.—(1) If a ram, upon being inspected under these Regulations, appears to the person by whom the inspection is carried out to be

(*a*) of defective or inferior conformation and likely to beget defective or inferior progeny;

(*b*) permanently affected with any contagious or infectious disease; or

(*c*) permanently affected with any other disease rendering the ram unsuitable for breeding purposes;

the Minister may, by notice served on the owner or person having control of such ram, require him to slaughter or castrate such ram within such time as may be specified in the notice.

(2) The Minister may cause any ram in respect of which default is made in complying with any such notice as aforesaid to be castrated or slaughtered and the cost incurred thereby shall be recoverable by the Minister from the person in default.

Service of notices

8. Any notice required or authorised by these Regulations to be given to or served on any person shall be sufficiently given or served if it is delivered to him personally or left at his last known place of abode or business or sent by post addressed to him at the aforesaid place of abode or business.

SCHEDULE

	Area	*Prohibited period*
GLOUCESTER	(1) The Rural District of LYDNEY comprising the parishes of St. Briavels, Hewelsfield, Lydney, Aylburton, Alvington, Woolaston, Tidenham.	1st August to 15th October (both inclusive) in any year.
	(2) The Rural District of WEST DEAN, comprising the parishes of Lydbrook, English Bicknor, Staunton, Coleford, Newland, West Dean.	do.
	(3) So much of the Rural District of EAST DEAN as comprises the parishes of Ruardean, East Dean, Awre, Littledean, Mitcheldean, Blaisdon, Longhope, Huntley.	do.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this twenty-sixth day of August, 1949.

(L.S.) *T. Williams,*
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 18 of the Hill Farming Act, 1946, authorises the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries to make regulations for controlling the keeping of rams and uncastrated ram lambs. The present regulations impose a prohibition on keeping them without the Minister's approval and a further prohibition on keeping them during specified periods without a licence. Both prohibitions are limited to a specified kind of land and to specified areas (consisting of the Forest of Dean) and provision is made for the inspection and marking of rams and, in specified cases, their slaughter or castration.

(ii) HEATHER AND GRASS BURNING

The Heather and Grass Burning (England and Wales) Regulations, 1949

1949 No. 386

Made - - - -	*7th March,* 1949
Laid before Parliament	*8th March,* 1949
Coming into Operation	*21st March,* 1949

In pursuance of Section 20 of the Hill Farming Act, 1946(a), the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Application and commencement

1. These Regulations apply to England and Wales, and shall come into operation on 21st March, 1949.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 73.