HILL FARMING

The Control of Rams Regulations, 1951

1951 No. 1579

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In pursuance of Section 18 of the Hill Farming Act, 1946(**a**), and Section 7 of the Livestock Rearing Act, 1951(**b**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries hereby makes the following Regulations :—

Citation, Commencement and Revocation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Control of Rams Regulations, 1951 and shall come into operation on the tenth day of September, 1951.

(2) The Control of Rams Regulations, 1950(**c**), are hereby revoked but such revocation shall not affect the validity of any notice duly served thereunder or any proceedings duly undertaken by virtue of those Regulations which shall have effect as if served under or undertaken by virtue of the corresponding provisions of these Regulations and any ram or uncastrated ram lamb which, immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations, was approved under the Regulations hereby revoked shall be deemed to be approved under these Regulations so, however, that the approval so given shall not extend beyond the time of the first inspection of that animal under these Regulations.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, "designated land" has the meaning assigned to it by Regulation 3 hereof; "the Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and for the purpose of any functions delegated to them includes a local committee constituted under the Hill Farming Act, 1946.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations a ram shall be deemed to be a lamb only during the period ending with the 31st day of December in the year of its birth.

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

Designated Land

3. For the purposes 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 and lambs in specified areas

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this Regulation, no person shall permit to be on any designated land in any area specified in the first column of the First Schedule hereto any ram or, after the 18th day of September in the year of its birth, any uncastrated ram lamb unless

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 73. (b) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 18. (c) S.I. 1950 (No. 1311) I, p. 114.
(d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

such ram or lamb is for the time being 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.

(2) Nothing in this Regulation shall apply to the keeping of rams or lambs on designated land in any such area as aforesaid during such period in any year as is specified in the second column of the First Schedule hereto opposite to the description of that area.

Prohibition of keeping rams and lambs during certain periods

5. Except under the authority of a licence granted in that behalf by the Minister, no person shall permit any ram or uncastrated ram lamb (notwithstanding that it is approved under these Regulations) to be on any designated land in any area specified in the first column of the First Schedule hereto during such period in any year as is specified in the third column of that Schedule, in the case of a ram, or in the fourth column of that Schedule, in the case of an uncastrated ram lamb, opposite to the description of that area.

Inspection and marking of rams and lambs

6.—(1) Any person authorised in writing by the Minister in that behalf either generally or specially may from time to time, on production of his authority, inspect any ram or uncastrated ram lamb which the person so authorised has reason to believe is kept from time to time on designated land in any area specified in the first column of the First Schedule hereto 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 any such ram or uncastrated ram lamb is kept.

(2) The Minister shall, at the request of the owner or person having control of any ram or uncastrated ram lamb, cause it to be inspected by a person so authorised as aforesaid.

(3) If, after inspection under this Regulation, a ram or uncastrated ram lamb 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 First Schedule hereto, it shall be marked by him on the wool on the hind quarters with the letter "A" not less than six inches in height in a suitable indelible green colouring matter. A ram or uncastrated ram lamb so marked by such person shall be deemed to be approved under these Regulations so, however, that the approval so given shall not extend beyond the time of the next inspection of that animal under this Regulation.

(4) If, after such inspection as aforesaid, a ram or uncastrated ram lamb 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 wool on both shoulders with the letter "R" not less than six inches in height in a suitable indelible red colouring matter and the Minister shall give notice in writing to the owner or person having control of such ram or lamb that he refuses to approve it as being suitable for the purpose aforesaid.

Slaughter and castration of rams and lambs

7.—(1) If a ram or uncastrated ram lamb, upon being inspected under Regulation 6 hereof 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 or lamb unsuitable for breeding purposes ;

the Minister may, by notice served on the owner or person having control of such ram or lamb, require him to slaughter or castrate it within such time, being not less than seven days after the notice has taken effect under sub-section (2) of section 7 of the Livestock Rearing Act, 1951, as may be specified in the notice.

(2) The Minister may cause any ram or uncastrated ram lamb 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.

Application for Referee's Inspection

8.—(1) The following provisions of this Regulation shall have effect—

(*a*) where by virtue of Regulation 4 hereof a person is prohibited from permitting a ram or uncastrated ram lamb to be on any land in any area because of a refusal to approve it as being suitable for the purpose of breeding from the flocks from time to time on that land, or

(*b*) where the Minister has served upon a person a notice under Regulation 7 hereof of a requisition for the slaughter or castration of a ram or lamb.

(2) Any such person as aforesaid, on application made to the Minister in the manner and within the period hereinafter mentioned and on payment of a fee of one pound, may require a referee's inspection of the ram or lamb in question.

(3) Any such application shall be made in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto or in a form to the like effect and shall be made within seven days of the service of the notice relating to the ram or lamb in question given under paragraph (4) of Regulation 6 or under paragraph (1) of Regulation 7 hereof, as the case may be.

(4) When an application has been duly made requiring a referee's inspection under this Regulation, the Minister shall refer the application to one or more referees appointed by him who shall inspect the ram or lamb to which the application relates and report to the Minister the result of their inspection and the report shall contain recommendations that approval of the ram or lamb shall be given or shall continue to be refused or that the notice of the requisition shall be confirmed or withdrawn, as the case may be.

(5) The Minister, on receipt of the report aforesaid, shall approve the ram or lamb or continue to refuse approval or shall confirm or withdraw the notice of requisition, as the case may be, in accordance with the recommendations and shall forthwith give notice in writing to the applicant of the result of his application. If approval is so given the Minister shall forthwith cause the animal to be marked in the manner prescribed in paragraph (3) of Regulation 6 hereof and the provisions of that paragraph shall apply accordingly.

(6) The fee payable on an application under this Regulation shall, if the Minister does not continue the refusal of approval of the ram or lamb to which the application relates or does not confirm the notice of requisition to which the application relates, be returned to the applicant by the Minister.

Seizure and sale of rams and lambs

9.—(1) Any ram or uncastrated ram lamb found upon any land in contravention of Regulations 4 or 5 hereof may be seized by any person authorised in writing by the Minister in that behalf, either generally or specially, and if the Minister thinks it desirable he may sell or cause to be sold any ram or lamb so seized.

(2) Any Court by or before whom a person is convicted of permitting the ram or lamb to be upon that land in contravention as aforesaid, if satisfied that he was the owner of the ram or lamb at the time of the seizure, may direct that the whole or part of the proceeds of the sale of the ram or lamb shall be applied in or towards the satisfaction of any fine imposed on that person for that offence.

(3) Subject as aforesaid, the ram or lamb or, as the case may be, the proceeds of the sale thereof shall be returned to such person as may prove that he was the owner of the ram or lamb at the time of seizure.

Service of Notices

10. 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.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this twenty-third day of August, 1951.

(L.S.) *Donald E. Vandepeer,*
Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Area	Excepted periods referred to in Regulation 4 (2)	Prohibited periods referred to in Regulation 5	
		Rams	Lambs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1. The administrative county of Chester, the city and county borough of Chester and the county borough of Stockport.	1st April to 31st August	16th January to 31st March 1st September to 31st October	1st September to 31st October
2. The administrative county of Cornwall.	1st April to 31st July	1st August to 31st October	1st August to 31st October

Area	Excepted periods referred to in Regulation 4 (2)	Prohibited periods referred to in Regulation 5	
		Rams	Lambs
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3. The administrative county of Cumberland.	1st April to 15th September	16th September to 31st October	16th September to 31st October
4. So much of the administrative county of Derby as consists of the boroughs of Buxton and of Glossop; the urban districts of New Mills and of Whaley Bridge; part of the urban district of Matlock (comprising the parishes of Darley Dale and Matlock); part of the rural district of Bakewell (comprising the parishes of Abney and Abney Grange, Baslow and Bubnell, Beeley, Birchover, Bradwell, Chatsworth, Chelmorton, Curbar, Eyam, Eyam Woodlands, Foolow, Froggatt, Great Hucklow, Great Longstone, Hazelbadge, Hartington Middle Quarter, Hathersage, Highlow, Little Hucklow, Nether Padley, Offerton, Outseats, Rowsley, Stanton-in-the-Peak, Stoney Middleton, Tideswell, Wardlow and Wheston); part of the rural district of Chapel-en-le-Frith (comprising the parishes of Aston, Bamford, Brough and Shatton, Castleton, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Charlesworth, Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside, Chisworth, Derwent, Edale, Green Fairfield, Hartington Upper Quarter, Hayfield, Hope, Hope Woodlands, Peak Forest, Thornhill and Wormhill); part of the rural district of Chesterfield (comprising the parishes of Ashover, Barlow, Brampton, Holmesfield and Walton).	1st April to 31st August	16th January to 31st March 1st September to 31st October	1st September to 31st October
5. The administrative county of Devon and the city and county borough of Plymouth.	1st April to 25th July	26th July to 1st November	26th July to 1st November
6. The administrative county of Durham and the county boroughs of Gateshead, South Shields and Darlington.	1st April to 15th September	16th September to 31st October	16th September to 31st October

Area (1)	Excepted periods referred to in Regulation 4 (2) (2)	Prohibited periods referred to in Regulation 5	
		Rams (3)	Lambs (4)
7. So much of the administrative county of Gloucester as consists of the rural district of Lydney (comprising the parishes of St. Briavels, Hewelsfield, Lydney, Aylburton, Alvington, Woolaston and Tidenham), the rural district of West Dean (comprising the parishes of Lydbrook, English Bicknor, Staunton, Coleford, Newland and West Dean) and so much of the rural district of East Dean as comprises the parishes of Ruardean, East Dean, Awre, Littledean, Mitcheldean, Blaisdon, Longhope and Huntley.	1st March to 31st July	1st August to 15th October	1st August to 15th October
8. The administrative county of Hereford.	1st April to 31st August	1st September to 24th October	1st September to 24th October
9. The administrative county of Lancaster, the cities and county boroughs of Liverpool and Manchester, and the county boroughs of Oldham and Warrington.	1st April to 31st August	1st September to 31st October	1st September to 31st October
10. So much of the administrative county of Northumberland as comprises the parishes of Wellhaugh, Smalesmouth, Chirdon, Henshaw, Thirlwall, Blenkinsopp, Hartleyburn, Knaresdale, Kirkhaugh, Whitfield, West Allen, Allendale, Hexhamshire High Quarter and Shotley High Quarter.	1st April to 15th September	16th September to 31st October	16th September to 31st October
11. So much of the administrative county of Monmouth as lies south of the road from Ystrad Mynach through Maeseycwmmer, Pontllanfraith, Crumlin, Hafodydrynys to Pontypool, and west of the road from Pontypool through Groesyceiliog to Newport.	1st April to 31st August	1st September to 14th October	1st September to 14th October

Area (1)	Excepted periods referred to in Regulation 4 (2) (2)	Prohibited periods referred to in Regulation 5	
		Rams (3)	Lambs (4)
12. So much of the administrative county of Monmouth as is not included in the area described in item 11, and the county borough of Newport.	1st April to 31st August	1st September to 24th October	1st September to 24th October
13. The administrative county of Salop.	1st April to 31st July	1st August to 24th October	1st August to 24th October
14. The administrative county of Stafford and the county boroughs of Burton-upon-Trent, West Bromwich and Smethwick.	1st April to 31st August	16th January to 31st March 1st September to 31st October	1st September to 31st October
15. The administrative county of Westmorland.	1st April to 15th September	16th September to 31st October	16th September to 31st October
16. The administrative county of York (North Riding), and the county borough of Middlesborough.	1st April to 14th September	15th September to 31st October	15th September to 31st October
17. The administrative county of York (West Riding), the cities and county boroughs of York and Sheffield.	1st April to 31st August	1st September to 31st October	1st September to 31st October
18. So much of the administrative counties of Brecknock, Cardigan, Montgomery and Radnor as abuts on the Elan Valley Watershed and is situate within the following boundaries —the River Wye from Newbridge-on-Wye to Llangurig; thence along Troed-yr-esgair Brook to Lluest-dol-gwiol farm on Afon Diluw; thence along Afon Diluw and continuing along Afon Ystwyth to the mouth of Nantmilwyn; thence southwards through Esgair Embor, Rhos Maengwelw and Frongoch to Tyn-y-cwm on Afon Mwyro and across to the track junction north of Blaen-Glasffrwd; thence along the track running alongside Nant Gwinau to Moel-prysgau;	1st April to 15th September	16th September to 24th October	16th September to 24th October

Area (1)	Excepted periods referred to in Regulation 4 (2) (2)	Prohibited periods referred to in Regulation 5	
		Rams (3)	Lambs (4)
thence along the River Towy through Nantystalwyn to the point where the track forks; thence along the track to Afon Irfon and along same to Abergwesyn; thence along the road eastwards through Trallwm and across to Gilwern and Cefn-bran; thence along the track to Llanafon-fawr and proceeding along the road to Newbridge-on-Wye.			
19. So much of the administrative county of Brecknock as is not included in the area described in item 18.	1st April to 31st August	1st September to 24th October	1st September to 24th October
20. The administrative county of Caernarvon.	1st April to 14th September	15th September to 31st October	15th September to 31st October
21. So much of the administrative county of Cardigan as is not included in the area described in item 18.	1st April to 15th September	16th September to 24th October	16th September to 24th October
22. The administrative county of Carmarthen.	1st April to 31st August	1st September to 24th October	1st September to 24th October
23. So much of the administrative counties of Denbigh, Merioneth and Montgomery as comprises the parts of the Berwyn mountain range included in the area from the A 5 road to the fence from Ty Nant, Llanuwchllyn, thence following the Ty Nant fence in an easterly direction to its junction with the Liverpool Corporation Rhiwargor fence at the Hirnant point on the Montgomery county boundary thence following the Rhiwargor fence in a northerly and then easterly direction via Moel y Garnedd and Fedwddu to the point where it meets the Liverpool Corporation Allt Forgan fence, thence following the Allt Forgan fence in a southerly direction to the point where it meets the road at the end of Lake Vyrnwy.	1st April to 31st August	1st September to 17th October	1st September to 17th October

Area (1)	Excepted periods referred to in Regulation 4 (2) (2)	Prohibited periods referred to in Regulation 5	
		Rams (3)	Lambs (4)
24. The Gylchedd and Migneint mountains situate in the administrative counties of Denbigh and Merioneth.	1st April to 14th September	15th September to 31st October	15th September to 31st October
25. So much of the administrative county of Denbigh as is not included in the areas described in items 23 and 24.	1st April to 31st August	1st September to 24th October	1st September to 24th October
26. The administrative county of Flint.	1st April to 31st August	1st September to 24th October	1st September to 24th October
27. So much of the administrative county of Glamorgan as comprises (i) the places known as Cefn Hengoed, Coity Common and Ogmore Downs (situate in the parishes of Bridgend, St. Bride's Minor, Coychurch Higher, Pencoed, Coity Higher, Coychurch Lower, Newcastle Higher, St. Bride's Major, Ewenny and Merthyr Mawr), and (ii) the Gower peninsula (namely the parishes of Llanmadoc, Llangennith, Rhossilli, Cheriton, Knelston, Port Eynon, Reynoldston, Penrice, Oxwich, Llanrhidian Lower, Nicholaston, Penmaen, Llanrhidian Higher, Ilston, Penard, Llandewi, Loughor Borough, Gowerton, Bishopston, Oystermouth and so much of the county borough of Swansea as lies to the south-west of the Llanelly Road running from Swansea via Fforestfach to Loughor).	1st April to 6th August	7th August to 20th September	7th August to 20th September
28. So much of the administrative county of Glamorgan, the city and county borough of Cardiff and the county boroughs of Merthyr Tydfil and Swansea as is not included in the area described in item 27.	1st April to 31st August	1st September to 15th October	1st September to 15th October
29. The parishes of Llanfrothen and Festiniog in the administrative county of Merioneth.	1st April to 14th September	15th September to 31st October	15th September to 31st October

Area (1)	Excepted periods referred to in Regulation 4 (2) (2)	Prohibited periods referred to in Regulation 5	
		Rams (3)	Lambs (4)
30. So much of the administrative county of Merioneth as is not included in the areas described in items 23, 24 and 29.	1st April to 14th September	15th September to 24th October	15th September to 24th October
31. So much of the administrative county of Montgomery as is not included in the areas described in items 18 and 23.	1st April to 31st August	1st September to 24th October	1st September to 24th October
32. The administrative county of Pembroke.	1st April to 31st August	1st September to 14th October	1st September to 14th October
33. So much of the administrative county of Radnor as is not included in the area described in item 18.	1st April to 31st August	1st September to 24th October	1st September to 24th October

In this Schedule reference to any administrative county includes any county borough wholly surrounded by that county and the days specified in this Schedule as the beginning and end respectively of any period are both included in that period.

SECOND SCHEDULE

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

THE CONTROL OF RAMS REGULATIONS, 1951

APPLICATION FOR A REFEREE'S INSPECTION

DESCRIPTION OF RAM OR UNCASTRATED RAM LAMB:

Breed or Type.....

Born in the month of.....in the year 19.....

Ear Marks or other Identification Marks.....

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries having *refused to approve served a notice of requisition for the slaughter or castration of the ram or lamb described above,

I, ...

of .....

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hereby apply for a referee's inspection of that animal in accordance with Regulation 8 of the Control of Rams Regulations, 1951.

The animal will be kept during the next 14 days at.....

.....in the County of.....

I enclose †.....for one pound being the amount of the prescribed fee (which is returnable in the event of the Minister's decision not being confirmed).

Signature of Applicant.....

Address .....

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Date.....19.....

* Strike out words that do not apply.

† State whether cheque, postal order or money order.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations consolidate with amendments the Control of Rams Regulations, 1950. The principal changes are:—

(1) the introduction of an excepted period during which the prohibition on keeping rams and ram lambs on designated land in specified areas without the Minister's approval does not apply;

(2) the addition of two such specified areas and the modification of others;

(3) the modification of some of the periods set out in the first Schedule;

(4) the provision of a right of appeal to a referee appointed by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, where he has refused to approve a ram or lamb, or has required it to be slaughtered or castrated, and

(5) the conferment on the Minister of power to seize and sell rams and lambs found on land in contravention of the regulations.

The last two changes are made by virtue of the Livestock Rearing Act, 1951, which extends the power conferred by Section 18 of the Hill Farming Act, 1946, under which the regulations are made.

The Hill Cattle (England and Wales) Extension Scheme, 1951

1951 No. 1043

Made - - - -	12*th June*, 1951
Laid before Parliament	13*th June*, 1951
Coming into Operation	14*th June*, 1951

In pursuance of Sections 13 and 17 of the Hill Farming Act, 1946(**a**) as amended by the Livestock Rearing Act, 1951(**b**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

1. This Scheme which may be cited as the Hill Cattle (England and Wales) Extension Scheme, 1951, shall come into operation on 14th June, 1951.

2. This Scheme shall be read as one with the Hill Cattle (England and Wales) Scheme, 1947(**c**), as varied by the Hill Cattle (England and Wales) Amendment Scheme, 1948(**d**), and the Hill Cattle (England and Wales) Amendment Scheme, 1949(**e**), (hereinafter referred to as "the Scheme"), and the Scheme and this Scheme may be cited together as the Hill Cattle Schemes, 1947-51.

3. The Scheme is hereby varied as follows:—

(1) Without prejudice to the meanings assigned by the Scheme to the expressions "hill farming land" and "hill farming purposes", any reference therein to "the Act" shall be construed as meaning the Hill Farming Act, 1946(**a**), as amended by the Livestock Rearing Act, 1951(**b**), or any other enactment.

(2) In paragraph 15 of the Scheme the words "hill farming" shall be deleted.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 73. (b) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 18.
(c) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 975) I, p. 19. (d) S.I. 1948 (No. 416) I, p. 48.
(e) S.I. 1949 (No. 450) I, p. 102.