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MARKETING OF EGGS

RULES, DATED 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE MARKETING OF EGGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1957.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 21 of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland) 1957(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Rules:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Marketing of Eggs (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1968 and shall come into operation on 20th day of December 1968.

Amendment of the 1966 Rules

2. The Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**) are hereby amended as follows:—

(1) *Grading of Eggs*

In Rule 21 thereof for the words "Eggs (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1958(**c**) there shall be substituted the words "Eggs (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1968"(**d**).

(2) For Rule 22 thereof the following Rule shall be substituted:—

"*Marking of Eggs*

22. A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall forthwith mark on the shell in a clear and indelible manner:—

(1) every hen egg which on being tested is found to be—

(*a*) a first quality egg, or a soiled egg otherwise of first quality, and which is less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. in weight, or

(*b*) a cracked egg otherwise of first quality, or

(*c*) a second quality egg,

with such mark as the Board may from time to time direct; and

(2) every egg which on being tested is found to be a reject egg with the word "Reject" in letters not less than one-eighth of an inch in height, the word being contained in a circle of not less than three-quarters of an inch in diameter."

(3) *Completion of Identification Receipts*

In paragraph (1) of Rule 23 thereof for the words "which have been marked in accordance with the provisions of Rule 22" there shall be substituted the words "which have been tested, classified and graded in accordance with Rules 20 and 21".

(**a**) 1957. c. 27.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 150.
(**c**) S.I. 1958, No. 957.
(**d**) S.I. 1968, No. 1986.

(4) *Marking of Delivery Cases*

For paragraph (1) of Rule 26 thereof the following paragraph shall be substituted:—

"(1) (*a*) Every case containing hen eggs which weigh not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. each and which are either of first quality or soiled but otherwise of first quality and every case containing duck eggs which are either of first quality or soiled but otherwise of first quality shall be marked—

(i) in such manner and with such approved mark relating to the eggs packed therein as may be prescribed in the Eggs (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1968 or such Order as may be, for the time being, in force; and

(ii) in a manner approved by the Ministry on each end of the case with letters not less than half an inch in height with the date of testing which shall be indicated as directed by the Board.

(*b*) Every case containing all other eggs shall be marked in such manner and with such mark as the Board may from time to time direct."

(5) Paragraph (2) of Rule 26 thereof is hereby deleted.

(6) *Description of quality*

For Rule 38 thereof the following Rule shall be substituted:—

"**38.**—(1) For the purposes of Section 6 of the Act all eggs shall be sold, offered or exposed for sale under one of the following descriptions:—

First quality eggs,
Cracked eggs,
Second quality eggs,

In the case of preserved eggs a description to indicate the process by which the eggs have been preserved.

(2) For the purposes of Section 6(2) of the Act, it shall be deemed to be a term of the contract of sale that the quality of any eggs sold under any one of the foregoing descriptions shall accord with the standards of quality prescribed for eggs of that description in Rule 20 or Rule 42.

(3) All eggs sold, offered or exposed for sale as cracked eggs or second quality eggs or preserved eggs shall have displayed with them a notice clearly indicating the appropriate description. All eggs not displaying such a notice shall be deemed to have been sold, offered or exposed for sale as first quality eggs."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 19th day of December 1968.

(L.S.)

H. S. Oliver,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The main purpose of these Rules is to remove the requirement for hen eggs which are 1½ oz. or more in weight and which are either of first quality or soiled but otherwise of first quality and duck eggs which are either of first quality or soiled but otherwise of first quality to be marked.