EGGS : MARKETING OF.

THE MARKETING OF EGGS RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931, DATED 17TH AUGUST, 1931, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE MARKETING OF EGGS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1924 TO 1931.

1931. No. 91.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in the exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Marketing of Eggs Acts (Northern Ireland), 1924 to 1931, and of any other power in that behalf enabling it hereby makes the following Rules, that is to say :—

I. *Short Title.*

These Rules may be cited as the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1931.

II. *Definitions.*

In these Rules unless the context shall require a different construction :—

(1) The expression " Acts " shall mean the Marketing of Eggs Acts (Northern Ireland), 1924 to 1931.

(2) The expression " the Ministry " shall mean the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

(3) The expression " Eggs " shall mean British eggs (that is, eggs produced in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) in shell of domestic fowl (hens and ducks).

(4) The expression " Carrying Company " shall mean any company, body or person carrying eggs for hire or reward.

(5) The expression " Storing Premises " shall mean any premises registered under Section 2 of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1924, as amended by Section 1 of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1928, for the purpose of preserving, cold storing, chemically storing or pickling eggs.

III. *Licences.*

An application for a licence under the Acts shall be in the form or to the effect stated in the First Schedule to these Rules and the granting of a licence shall be conditional upon the completion and lodgment with the Ministry by the applicant of the undertaking set out on the form as respects compliance with the conditions of these Rules.

IV. *Registration of Premises used for Wholesale Dealings.*

(1) An application for the registration under Section 3 of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, of any premises used by a licensed wholesale dealer for the purposes of his trade shall be made in the form or to the effect stated in the Second Schedule to these Rules.

(2) The following particulars shall be entered in the Register to be kept by the Ministry :—

(*a*) The name and address of the occupier ;

(*b*) The address of the premises.

(3) Before registration is granted the Ministry shall be satisfied that :—

(*a*) the premises afford sufficient and suitable facilities in the way of space and equipment, having regard to the volume of business transacted, to enable such business to be carried on efficiently and expeditiously ;

(b) the premises are weather-proof, provided with dry floors, with adequate arrangements for the regulation of light, ventilation and temperature, and are in a clean and sanitary condition, free from any objectionable odour likely to contaminate the eggs or packing material ;

(*c*) the applicant, or at least one person employed by him in connection with the premises, has adequate knowledge and experience of testing : Provided that this condition shall not apply to the holder of a Class " B " licence who is exempted from testing under the provisions of Article IX. (*Testing*).

(4) Eggs shall not be removed from registered premises occupied by the holder of a Class " A " licence unless they have been tested, graded and packed in accordance with the prescribed conditions,

or are packed in cases marked in a legible and indelible manner with the words " Collection Only " in block letters not less than 2 inches in height.

(5) The certificate of registration of any particular premises shall indicate :—

(*a*) whether eggs may be tested, graded and packed in accordance with these Rules in such premises, and

(*b*) the period during which any or all of such operations may be conducted.

(6) In registered premises where eggs are tested, graded and packed no business other than that of licensed wholesale dealings in eggs shall be conducted.

(7) Cases used for the removal of eggs from registered premises occupied by the holder of a Class " B " licence shall be marked with the words " Collection Only " in the manner prescribed in paragraph (4) of this Article.

V. *Registration of Premises used for the Preserving, Cold Storing, Chemical Storing or Pickling of Eggs.*

(1) An application for the registration under Section 2 of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1924, as amended by Section 1 of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1928, of premises where eggs are preserved, cold stored, chemically stored or pickled shall be made in the form or to the effect stated in the Third Schedule to these Rules.

(2) The owner or occupier of any such premises registered as aforesaid (hereinafter referred to as " storing premises ") shall keep a record (showing separately particulars as to preserved eggs, cold stored eggs, chemically stored eggs and pickled eggs) of the quantity and ownership of eggs deposited at the storing premises, the date of each deposit and the quantity and ownership of eggs removed from the premises and the date of each removal, together with the name and address of the consignee in the case of all eggs forwarded from such premises. Returns of the deposits and removals during any specified period shall be furnished to the Ministry by the owner or occupier within fourteen days from the receipt of a demand, in writing, from the Ministry.

(3) The owner or occupier shall give notification to the Ministry of any proposed structural alterations in the storing premises.

VI. *Fees.*

(1) The fees payable to the Ministry in respect of consignments of eggs despatched to Great Britain, the Irish Free State or the Isle of Man by the holder of a Class " A " licence shall be at the rate of one half-penny per 30 dozen eggs.

(2) The amount due as such fees shall be payable in respect of the quarters ending 30th November, 28th or 29th February, 31st May and 31st August respectively. Such amounts shall be paid to the Ministry within fourteen days from the date of the issue by the Ministry of a demand in writing for payment.

VII. *Records and Returns.*

(1) The holder of a Class "A" licence shall keep a record showing, in respect of each consignment of eggs despatched to Great Britain, the Irish Free State or the Isle of Man :—

(*a*) the date of despatch ;

(*b*) the quantity (in long hundreds) included in the consignment ;

(*c*) the name and address of the consignee, and

(*d*) the route by which the consignment was despatched.

(2) The holder of a Class "A" licence shall forward to the Ministry, in respect of each consignment of eggs despatched to Great Britain, the Irish Free State or the Isle of Man, a return on the form prescribed in the Fourth Schedule to these Rules, showing the quantity of eggs included in the consignment and the destination to which the consignment was despatched.

VIII. *Cases.*

(1) Cases used by licensed wholesale dealers for the carriage of graded eggs in consignments of 300 and upwards shall be of one or more of three types, viz. :—

No. 1 Standard Case,

No. 2 Standard Case,

No. 3 Standard Case (including No. 3 Standard Case (Large)), and shall be constructed in accordance with the specifications contained in the Fifth Schedule to these Rules.

Provided that the Ministry may for special classes of trade authorise the use of cases of types other than those specified in the preceding paragraph.

(2) Cases, fillers and flats intended for the carriage of graded eggs to destinations outside Northern Ireland shall not have been used before for any purpose.

Provided that new cases, fillers and flats in which eggs are cold stored or chemically stored, or in which eggs intended for preserving or pickling have been delivered to storing premises, may be used once for the subsequent carriage of such eggs to destinations outside Northern Ireland.

(3) Cases, fillers and flats used for the carriage of eggs within Northern Ireland shall be maintained in a condition of reasonable cleanliness and good order generally.

IX. *Testing.*

(1) Except during the months of February and March in each year, eggs intended for sale by wholesale or for deposit in storing premises shall be tested singly by artificial light, by means of an apparatus of the type known in the trade as a " Daylight Tester " or by means of other approved apparatus, within 48 hours prior to despatch from registered premises.

Provided that the holder of a Class " B " licence may, on application to the Ministry, be exempted from testing if all his supplies of eggs are sold within three days from the date of collection to the holder of a Class " A " licence. The Ministry may, however, specially authorise the holder of a Class " B " licence who is not exempted from testing to purchase eggs from specified holders of Class " B " licences who are exempted from testing.

(2) Where the holder of a Class " B " licence is exempted from testing he shall enclose in each case of eggs disposed of by him a docket showing his name and address or licence number and the date on which the eggs were despatched from his premises.

(3) A licensed wholesale dealer who accepts eggs from the holder of a Class " B " licence who is exempted from testing shall test such eggs within 48 hours from the time of receipt.

(4) Such eggs as are found on test not to comply with the requirements in regard to quality laid down in this Article or in Article XI (*Seconds*) shall be marked on the shell in a legible and indelible manner with the word " *Reject* " in letters not less than $\frac{1}{8}$ inch in height, the word being contained in a circle of not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter.

(5) An egg (not being a preserved, cold stored, chemically stored or pickled egg) shall not be regarded as " Fresh " or " New-Laid " if on being tested any of the following characteristics is found to be present :—

(*a*) The contents are opaque or black ;

(*b*) The white is dull, cloudy or streaky, or the yolk cannot be distinguished—this condition usually indicates a broken or spread yolk, and the egg is known as " spent " ;

(*c*) The yolk is distinctly darkened in appearance, flattened in shape and floating near to the shell ;

(*d*) The yolk is anywhere in contact with the shell, under which condition the egg is known as " sided "—contact is denoted by a spot on the inner side of the shell and also by the yolk adhering to the shell when the egg is turned quickly ;

(*e*) Blood spots or dark or mould spots are present under the shell.

(6) An egg shall be regarded as "Fresh" or "New-Laid" if, on being tested, all of the following characteristics are found to be present :—

(*a*) *Hen Eggs :*

Yolk .. Translucent or faintly visible to visible but not clearly visible and keeping near centre.

White .. Translucent and firm.

(*b*) *Duck Eggs :*

Yolk .. Visible to clearly visible.

Shell .. Clear.

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article, preserved, cold stored, chemically stored or pickled eggs may be sold without being tested immediately prior to despatch from storing premises provided that, in addition to the markings prescribed in Section 3 of the Act of 1924, the eggs are invoiced "W.A.F." (with all faults) and the cases in which they are packed are marked in a legible and indelible manner with the letters "W.A.F." not less than 1½ inches in height.

(8) Unless it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Ministry that preserved, cold stored, chemically stored or pickled eggs will be tested prior to sale, cases must be marked "W.A.F." *before* withdrawal from storing premises.

X. *Grading.*

(1) Eggs intended for sale by wholesale by the holder of a Class "A" licence shall be packed according to the following grades :—

Grade Designation.	*Conditions as to Size, etc.*
Special (18 *lb.*)	For hen eggs of uniform size weighing 18 lb. per 120. Any twelve eggs in any 120 shall weigh not less than 28 oz.
Special (17 *lb.*)	For hen eggs of uniform size weighing 17 lb. per 120. Any twelve eggs in any 120 shall weigh not less than 26½ oz.
Standard (15½ *lb.*)	For hen eggs of uniform size weighing 15½ lb. per 120. Any twelve eggs in any 120 shall weigh not less than 24 oz.
Selected (14 *lb.*)	For hen eggs of uniform size weighing 14 lb. per 120. Any twelve eggs in any 120 shall weigh not less than 21½ oz.

Grade Designation.	*Conditions as to Size, etc.*
Smalls ..	For hen eggs too small for inclusion in the *Selected* (14 lb.) grade and weighing less than 21½ oz. per doz.
Ducks ..	For duck eggs of reasonably uniform size.

(2) Each egg in a case shall approximate closely to the general average of the eggs in that case. The top layer of eggs in any case shall be fairly representative of the bulk in size, colour and appearance.

(3) Subject to the special provisions in the Acts relating to preserved, cold stored, chemically stored or pickled eggs, only "Fresh" or "New-Laid" eggs shall be included in any of the prescribed grades.

(4) Hen eggs and duck eggs shall not be packed in the same case.

(5) Eggs with weak, cracked, chipped, dented or broken shells shall not be included in any of the prescribed grades.

XI. *Seconds.*

Eggs which, on being tested, do not comply with the standards laid down for "Fresh" or "New-Laid" eggs (see Article IX (6)) but have the following characteristics :—

Yolk .. Visible, swinging freely but clear of side ;

White .. Translucent but may be weak ;

may be sold by licensed wholesale dealers, provided each egg is marked on the shell in a legible and indelible manner with the word "*Second*" in letters not less than ⅛ inch in height, the word being contained in a circle of not less than ¾ inch in diameter. These eggs need not be graded but the cases used for their consignment, which shall be marked in a legible and indelible manner with the word "*Seconds*" in letters not less than ¾ inch in height, shall comply with the requirements of Article VIII (*Cases*).

XII. *Packing.*

(1) Eggs purchased for resale, whether by wholesale or retail, shall not, when tendered by the vendor or packed for removal by the purchaser, be exposed save under cover.

(2) The testing, grading and packing of eggs intended for sale by wholesale shall be conducted under cover.

(3) The material used for packing eggs in Nos. 1 and 2 Standard Cases shall consist of clean dry straw or wood-wool, free from mustiness, mould or objectionable odour. The packing material

shall be evenly spread above and below each layer of eggs and at the top, bottom, sides and ends of the case, in such manner and quantity as to prevent any of the eggs being broken or disturbed in course of transit.

(4) In the No. 2 Standard Case and in either compartment of the No. 1 Standard Case eggs of "*Smalls*," "*Selected* (14 lb.)," "*Standard* (15½ lb.)," and "*Special* (17 lb.)" grades shall be packed in three layers each containing 10 rows of 12 eggs in each row, and *Duck* eggs or eggs of the "*Special* (18 lb.)" grade shall be packed in three layers each containing 9 rows with 11 eggs in each row and 1 odd in each layer.

(5) The packing material for No. 3 Standard Case and No. 3 Standard Case (Large) shall be fillers and flats as described in the Fifth Schedule to these Rules. A flat shall be placed between each pair of fillers, underneath the bottom and above the top filler. A layer of fine wood wool, or a parchment paper envelope containing wood wool, shall be placed underneath each bottom flat and above each top flat. The layer or envelope shall be such that it will be not less than ¼ inch thick when the case is closed down.

(6) Cases and packing material intended for use by a licensed wholesale dealer for the purposes of his trade shall be kept dry and free from objectionable odours likely to cause contamination.

(7) Cases of eggs prepared for despatch or in transit shall be adequately protected from damp, adverse weather conditions and objectionable odours likely to contaminate the eggs.

(8) Graded eggs shall be packed by hand.

(9) Grass, hay, musty straw or rushes must not be used as packing material.

XIII. *Cold Stored, Chemically Stored, Pickled and Preserved Eggs.*

(1) Eggs which have been preserved by cold storage or chemical storage are hereby exempted from the provisions of Section 3 (1) of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1928.

(2) Any eggs to which Section 3 of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1928, applies, that is to say, eggs preserved by any process other than the processes mentioned in the following paragraph, shall be marked in a legible and indelible manner on the shell with the word "*Preserved*" in letters not less than 1-16th inch in height, the word being enclosed in a circle of not less than ½ inch in diameter.

(3) If and so long as any Order in Council under Section 2 of the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, is in force prohibiting the sale or exposure for sale in the United Kingdom of imported eggs

unless they bear an indication of origin, British eggs shall, *before* deposit in cold storage or chemical storage, in the former case be marked in a legible and indelible manner on the shell with the word "*Chilled*" or with the words "*Cold Stored,*" and in the latter case with the word "*Sterilised,*" the letters being in each case not less than 1-16th inch in height and the word or words being enclosed in a circle of not less than ½ inch in diameter.

(4) Where any eggs have been deposited in storing premises in contravention of the terms of the foregoing paragraph then, notwithstanding any action taken under the Acts in respect of any such contravention, the said eggs shall be marked by or on behalf of the owner thereof in the prescribed manner before removal from the premises.

(5) A *cold stored* egg showing any of the following characteristics shall not be included in any case of tested cold stored eggs :—

(*a*) The contents are opaque or black ;

(*b*) The yolk is anywhere in contact with the shell ;

(*c*) The white has become tinted.

(6) A *pickled* egg showing any of the following characteristics shall not be included in any case of tested pickled eggs :—

(*a*) The contents are opaque or black ;

(*b*) Portion of the white is opaque in appearance similar to a slightly boiled egg ;

(*c*) The white is cloudy or discoloured.

(7) Eggs intended for cold storage or chemical storage shall be graded in accordance with the terms of Article X (*Grading*) prior to deposit in storing premises. Such eggs need not be regraded on withdrawal from storing premises, provided that the original grading remains unaltered.

(8) Preserved and pickled eggs shall be graded on withdrawal from storing premises unless they were graded prior to deposit in such premises, the grading meantime remaining unaltered.

(9) Preserved, cold stored, chemically stored or pickled eggs shall not be included in any package for sale or consignment along with other eggs not so preserved, cold stored, chemically stored or pickled.

XIV. *Itinerant Collection of Eggs.*

(1) During itinerant collection eggs shall be examined, weighed, packed and carried under complete shelter from adverse weather conditions and the vehicles used during such collection shall be so constructed and provided with such hood or other covering as will satisfy the Ministry that the eggs can be so examined, weighed, packed and carried.

(2) When itinerant collection is made the eggs shall forthwith be packed in cases of the No. 3 Standard type. The cases shall be marked in a legible and indelible manner with the words "Collection Only" in block letters not less than 2 inches in height.

(3) The terms of the preceding paragraph shall extend to the itinerant collection of eggs intended for sale by retail save that the cases need not be marked "Collection Only."

XV. *Washing of Eggs.*

Eggs intended for sale or consignment shall not be washed or steeped for the purpose of cleaning by or on behalf of a licensed wholesale dealer.

XVI. *Marking of Cases.*

(1) All cases of eggs prepared for sale or consignment shall, before despatch from the registered premises of a licensed wholesale dealer, be marked *on each end*, in a legible and indelible manner, with letters and/or numbers, not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in height, indicating :—

(*a*) The grade designation ;

(*b*) The quantity of eggs in the case ;

(*c*) The words "Northern Ireland," together with the Licence Number of wholesale dealer ;

(*d*) The invoice reference and, by means of a code approved by the Ministry, the date of packing.

These markings shall be shown on the cases in the manner indicated in the Sixth Schedule to these Rules.

(2) In addition, the following words shall be marked in like manner *on the lid* of each case :—"Eggs.—This Side Up. With Care."

(3) The markings prescribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) are additional to those prescribed in the Acts in the case of preserved, cold stored, chemically stored or pickled eggs.

(4) On application being made by any licensed wholesale dealer the Ministry may specially approve of markings differing in size and placing from those prescribed in paragraphs (1) and (2).

(5) In each case of graded eggs packed for despatch there shall be enclosed a docket on which shall be shown the licence number of the wholesale dealer on whose registered premises the eggs were packed, the initials or other reference which shall identify the person or persons who packed the eggs, the code reference to the date of packing and, except during the months of February and March in each year, the initials or other reference which shall identify the person or persons who tested the eggs.

XVII. *Identification of Supplies.*

Any person who purchases eggs for sale, whether by wholesale or retail, from vendors who are not licensed wholesale dealers shall enclose with each lot of eggs in the case in which the said eggs are packed after purchase a docket on which shall be shown :—

(*a*) The name and address or the licence number of the purchaser ;

(*b*) The date on which the eggs were purchased ;

(*c*) The quantity (weight and number) of eggs purchased ;

(*d*) The name and address of the vendor.

Each docket shall be placed with the particular lot of eggs to which it refers in such manner as will enable the said lot to be clearly identified and shall not be removed until the eggs are unpacked for the purpose of preparation for sale.

XVIII. *Permits.*

Consignments of eggs sent by the holder of a permit issued under Section 5 of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, shall comply with the following conditions :—

(*a*) The consignment shall consist wholly of eggs produced by fowl owned by the permit holder ;

(*b*) Cases shall be marked in a legible and indelible manner on both ends with the permit number in letters and /or numbers not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in height ;

(*c*) Cases shall be fastened in such manner as will enable them to be opened for inspection in transit, and shall be soundly constructed ;

(*d*) Cases and packing material shall be clean and free from objectionable odour.

Standard cases (see Article VIII) which have been used before for any purpose shall not be used for the carriage of eggs under a permit.

XIX. *Inspections.*

Every licensed wholesale dealer, every owner or occupier of storing premises, and every permit holder shall be bound, at all times, to aid an Inspector of the Ministry in the discharge of his duty by affording such assistance and by furnishing such information as he may reasonably require for that purpose.

XX. *Transit.*

(1) A licensed wholesale dealer shall not despatch consignments of eggs to Great Britain or the Isle of Man by a route which does not either pass through a Northern Ireland port or include the railway journey from Newry to the port of shipment unless he obtains an authorisation for the purpose from the Ministry.

(2) An application for an authorisation shall be forwarded by the applicant so as to reach the Ministry's offices at least three days before the date on which it is proposed to despatch the consignment, and shall give particulars of the name and address of the consignee, the number of each type of case in the consignment and the route by which it is proposed to despatch the consignment.

XXI. *Revocation of Previous Rules.*

The Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1930, (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, Number 72 of 1930), are hereby revoked but such revocation shall not :—

(1) Affect the previous operation of those Rules or anything duly done or suffered thereunder ; or

(2) Affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred thereunder ; or

(3) Affect any penalty incurred in respect of any offence committed against those Rules ; or

(4) Affect any investigation, legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability or penalty as aforesaid ; and any such investigation, legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced, and any such penalty may be imposed, as if these Rules had not been made.

XXII. *Commencement.*

These Rules shall come into operation on the first day of September, 1931.

XXIII. *General.*

The Ministry may from time to time rescind, amend or vary these Rules or any of them as occasion may require.

In Witness whereof the official seal of the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland, is hereunto affixed this Seventeenth day of August, nineteen hundred and thirty-one.

(L.S.) *James S. Gordon,*
Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE UNDER THE MARKETING OF EGGS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1924 TO 1931.

(1) I/We.....

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hereby apply for a Class.....Licence to carry on the business of wholesale dealer(s) in eggs.

(2) I/We enclose herewith the sum of £..... being the fees prescribed by the above-mentioned Acts for one Licence (£3 0s. 0d. for Class A licence, £1 0s. 0d. for Class B licence) and.....certified copies thereof (at 2s. 6d. each).

(3) I/We hereby undertake, in the event of a Licence being granted to me/us, to comply with such regulations as the Ministry may from time to time issue, respecting the conduct of wholesale dealings in eggs.

Signature of Applicant .....
Full Postal Address .....
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Witness..... Date.....

To THE SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
STORMONT,
BELFAST.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF PREMISES UNDER THE MARKETING OF EGGS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1924 TO 1931.

(1) I/We hereby apply for the registration of the premises referred to hereunder which I/we propose to use for the purpose of my/our trade as licensed wholesale dealer(s) in eggs.

ADDRESSES OF PREMISES.

(1) .....
(2) .....
(3) .....
(4) .....
(5) .....
(6) .....

Signature of Applicant .....
Full Postal Address.... .....
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Date .....

To THE SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
STORMONT,
BELFAST.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

MARKETING OF EGGS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1924 TO 1931.
FORM OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF PREMISES ON WHICH EGGS ARE PRESERVED, COLD STORED, CHEMICALLY STORED OR PICKLED.

I/We.....

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being the owner(s)/occupier(s) of the premises, particulars of which are set out below, hereby apply for registration of the said premises under Section 2 of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1924, as amended by Section 1 of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1928.

Premises.		Particulars of trade carried on therein, i.e., Preserving, Cold Storing, Chemically Storing or Pickling.
No. Street and Town.	Exact location of portions used for trade.	

Signature of Applicant .....

Full Postal Address .....

Date.....

To The Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Stormont,
Belfast.

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

MARKETING OF EGGS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1924 TO 1931.

Serial No.....

Return of Shipments.

A separate return should be made out for each consignment.

Sir,

I/We have this day despatched the following consignments of Northern Ireland eggs :—

Number of cases.	Total quantity in long hundreds.	Destination.

Signature .....

Licence Number.....

Date .....

To The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Stormont, Belfast.

(For convenience this form should be handed to the carrying company with the consignment to which it refers.)

FIFTH SCHEDULE.

MARKETING OF EGGS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1924 TO 1931. SPECIFICATIONS FOR STANDARD CASES.

The internal measurements and the thicknesses of timber mentioned in the specifications for these cases represent minimum dimensions.

The wood used for the construction of the cases shall be of suitable strength, well-seasoned, clean, dry and free from bark, wane, feather and discolouration.

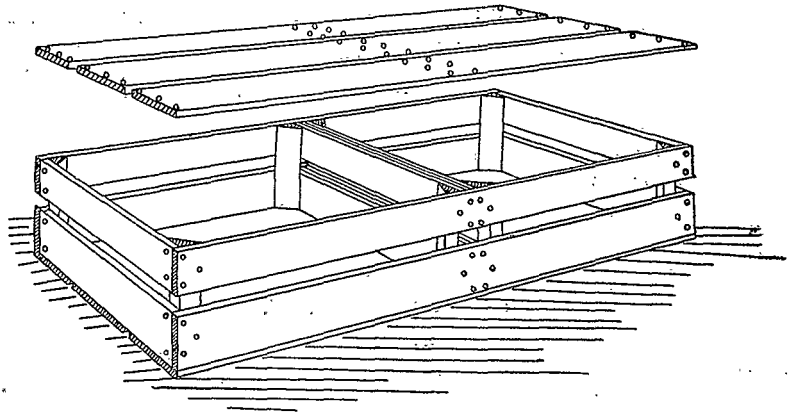
All timber thicknesses specified are *actual* not nominal.

No. 1 STANDARD CASE (DIVISIBLE).

This case is designed for not more than 6 hd. (720) hen eggs of the following grades :—

" Smalls," " Selected (14 lb.)," " Standard (15½ lb.)" and " Special (17 lb.)",
or 5 hd. (600) hen eggs of the " Special (18 lb.) " grade,
or 5 hd. (600) duck eggs.

The following is a diagram of the case :—



DESCRIPTION.

The case shall be made with two equal compartments and in accordance with the following specifications :—

INTERNAL DIMENSIONS. Each compartment to be not less than			TIMBER DIMENSIONS to be not less than			
Length.	Width.	Depth.	Top and Bottom boards. Wide Thick	Side boards. Wide Thick	End and centre boards. Wide Thick	Corner Angle posts 2″ square, cut diagonally.
26″	23″	8″	4″ ⅜″	3″ ⅜″	3″ ⅝″	

Spacing between any two adjoining top, bottom, side and end boards nowhere to exceed 1 inch.

Saw space not exceeding ¼ inch must be provided between centre division boards.

ENDS AND CENTRE DIVISIONS.

The case shall have two centre divisions, each centre division and each end consisting of two boards spaced horizontally; no board shall be less than 23 inches by 3 inches by ⅝ inch. If end boards of greater thickness than ⅝ inch are used, care should be taken to ensure that the internal length of each compartment be not less than the required 26 inches.

SIDES.

The sides shall consist of two boards spaced horizontally which shall be of the full outside length of the case and fixed so that the top edges of the upper boards and the bottom edges of the lower boards will be level with the top and bottom edges, respectively, of the end boards.

TOPS AND BOTTOMS.

The outer edges of the outside top boards and bottom boards, when nailed on, shall be flush with the outer sides of the side boards. The top and bottom boards shall be of the full outside length of the case and be nailed into the end boards.

CORNER ANGLE POSTS.

Eight corner angle posts shall be used and shall be of the full internal depth of the case, cut diagonally from a post 2 inches square. Square-cut corner posts may not be used.

NAILS AND NAILING.

The nails used for making up No. 1 Standard Case shall be of sizes not less than the following :—

For nailing sides to ends.	2 inch, 13 gauge.
,, ,, tops and bottoms to ends and centre division boards	1¾ ,, ,, ,,
For nailing corner posts to ends.	1½ inch, 14 gauge.
,, ,, sides to corner posts.	,, ,, ,,

Not less than two nails shall be used in each end of each board, and an additional nail shall be used at each end of a board for every 3 inches or part of 3 inches by which the board exceeds 5 inches in width. This also applies to the nailing of the centre division boards. Each end of each side board shall be secured by at least two nails driven into the end boards and at least one nail driven into the corner post.

In nailing top and bottom boards to centre division boards care should be exercised to place the nails in rows with at least ⅜ inch space between the rows so as to allow for the free working of a saw when the case is being divided.

Nails shall be cement coated and shall be driven askew the grain of the wood.

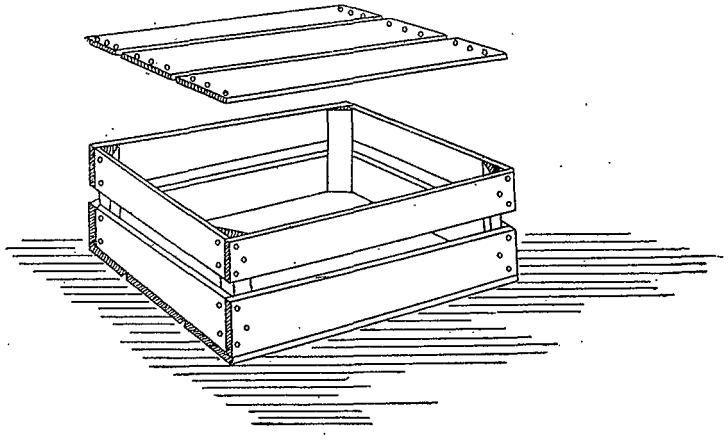
NO. 2 STANDARD CASE.

This case is designed for not more than 3 hd. (360) hen eggs of the following grades:—"Smalls," "Selected (14 lb.)," "Standard (15½ lb.)" and "Special (17 lb.),"

or 2½ hd. (300) hen eggs of the "Special (18 lb.)" grade,

or 2½ hd. (300) duck eggs.

The following is a diagram of the case :—



DESCRIPTION.

The case shall be made in one compartment and in accordance with the following specifications :—

INTERNAL DIMENSIONS to be not less than			TIMBER DIMENSIONS to be not less than						
Length.	Width.	Depth.	Top and Bottom boards. Wide	Thick	Side boards. Wide	Thick	End boards. Wide	Thick	Corner Angle posts 2″ square, cut diagonally.
26″	23″	8″	4″	$\frac{3}{8}$″	3″	$\frac{3}{8}$″	3″	$\frac{5}{8}$″	

CONSTRUCTION.

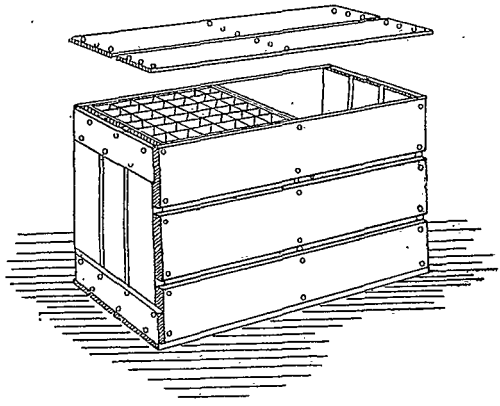
This case is one-half of the No. 1 Standard Case and with the necessary modifications, shall be constructed in like manner to that case.

All conditions specified for No. 1 Standard Case, with regard to the boards forming the ends, sides, tops and bottoms, as well as to the corner angle posts, spacing and nailing, apply to the construction of this case.

No. 3 STANDARD CASE.

This case is designed for 3 hd. (360) hen eggs of the "Selected (14 lb.)" or "Standard (15½ lb.)" grades and is fitted with fillers and flats.

The following is a diagram of the case :—



DESCRIPTION.

The case shall be made in two equal compartments and in accordance with the following specifications :—

INTERNAL DIMENSIONS. Each compartment to be not less than			TIMBER DIMENSIONS to be not less than					FILLERS. Each division to be	
						End boards.			
Length.	Width.	Depth.	Top and Bottom boards. Wide Thick	Side boards. Wide Thick	Centre division boards. Wide Thick	Centre boards. Wide Thick	Other boards. Wide Thick	Depth.	Square.
11⅝″	11 ″	13¼″	3″ 5/16″	4″ 5/16″	3″ 7/16″	4″ 7/16″	3″ 7/16″	2¼″	1¼″

ENDS.

Each end shall consist of three boards fixed upright, one of which shall be placed exactly in the middle of the end, and shall be not less than 4 inches wide. To the end boards shall be nailed cross battens measuring not less than 12¼ inches by 2 inches by $\frac{7}{16}$ inch thick, two on each end, fixed externally, one across the bottoms of the end boards and the other as close to the tops of the end boards as the construction of the lid permits. The ends of the battens shall be flush with the outer sides of the side boards.

CENTRE DIVISION.

To be made of one or more boards and be not less than 13½ inches deep and 11⅝ inches wide. The division shall be fixed in the centre of the case secured by nails driven through the side and bottom boards.

SPACING.

The spacing between any two adjoining boards throughout the case shall nowhere exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. When spacing is provided between any two side boards, it shall be arranged so as to prevent any of the flats working through and the eggs coming in contact.

FILLERS AND FLATS.

Fillers and flats shall be of wood pulp of calibre not less than .030, or such other material as may be approved by the Ministry. Fillers shall be 2½ inches in depth, each division being 1¼ inches square and the extreme width of a filler 11½ inches. Flats shall be 11½ inches square and have a corner cut off diagonally to a depth of $\frac{5}{8}$ inch.

NAILS AND NAILING.

Not less than two nails shall be used in each end of each board, including the cross battens, and an additional nail shall be used at each end of a board, for every 3 inches or part of 3 inches by which the board exceeds 5 inches in width.

The nails for making up No. 3 Standard Case shall be not less than 1½ inches of 14 gauge.

Nails shall be cement coated and shall be driven askew the grain of the wood.

No. 3 STANDARD CASE (LARGE).

This case is designed for 3 hd. (360) hen eggs of the "Special (17 lb.)" or "Special (18 lb.)" grades or duck eggs, and is fitted with fillers and flats.

The specifications for this case are the same as for the foregoing Case (No. 3 Standard) with the exception of the following details and, with the necessary modifications, shall be constructed in like manner to that case.

DESCRIPTION.

The case shall be made in two equal compartments and in accordance with the following specifications :—

INTERNAL DIMENSIONS. Each compartment to be not less than			TIMBER DIMENSIONS to be not less than					FILLERS. Each division to be	
						End boards.			
Length.	Width.	Depth.	Top and Bottom boards. Wide Thick	Side boards. Wide Thick	Centre division boards. Wide Thick	Centre board. Wide Thick	Other boards. Wide Thick	Depth.	Square.
12⅛"	12⅜"	13½"	3" 5/16"	4" 5/16"	3" 7/16"	4" 7/16"	3" 7/16"	2¼"	1⅞"

FILLERS AND FLATS.

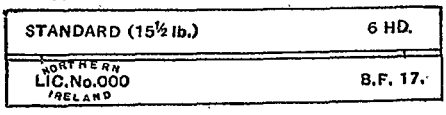
The fillers shall be 2⅛ inches in depth, each division being 1⅞ inches square and the extreme width of a filler 12¼ inches. Flats shall be 12¼ inches square and have a corner cut off diagonally to a depth of ⅝ inch.

SIXTH SCHEDULE.

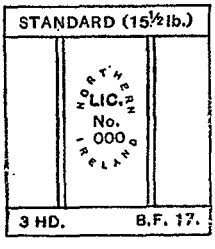
MARKETING OF EGGS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1924 TO 1931.

DESIGN TO INDICATE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE MARKINGS PRESCRIBED BY ARTICLE XVI (MARKING OF CASES) SHALL BE SHOWN ON THE ENDS OF STANDARD CASES.

Nos. 1 & 2 STANDARD CASES.



No. 3 STANDARD CASES.



ELECTRICITY.

Electricity Board : Application of Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act, 1899, p. 137.

Electricity Board Borrowing Regulations, p. 158.

Electricity Board : Application to, of Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act, 1899.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHTING (CLAUSES) ACT, 1899 (APPLICATION TO ELECTRICITY BOARD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND) REGULATIONS, 1931, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER THE ELECTRICITY (SUPPLY) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931 (21 & 22 GEO. 5, C. 9).

1931. No. 144.

WHEREAS in pursuance of section 1 of the Electricity (Supply) Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, the Electricity Board for Northern Ireland (in these regulations referred to as "the Board") has been duly established for the purposes set forth in the said Act :

And whereas by sub-section (1) of section 50 of the said Act it is enacted that, subject to the provisions of the said Act, the Board shall be deemed to be undertakers and authorised undertakers within the meaning of the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1919, as amended by the said Act, and that the said Act in relation to the Board shall be deemed to be a special Act for the purposes of the said Electricity (Supply) Acts, and that for the purposes of the said section 50 there shall be incorporated with the said Act the provisions of the Schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act, 1899, subject to such exceptions and modifications as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Ministry of Commerce, and subject also to the particular exceptions and modifications enacted by the proviso to the said sub-section :

Now therefore the Ministry of Commerce in the exercise of the power as aforesaid conferred upon that Ministry by the Electricity (Supply) Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, and of every other power it thereunto enabling, hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say :—