Rules.

RULES DATED THE 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1938, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION SEVEN OF THE MARKETING OF EGGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1924.

1938. No. 10.

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

PART I.

GENERAL.

Short Title.

1.—These Rules may be cited as the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938.

Interpretation.

2.—(1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires :—

" Act of 1928 " means the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1928;

" Acts " means the Marketing of Eggs Acts (Northern Ireland), 1924 to 1937;

" British eggs " means eggs produced in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

" Carrying Company " means any company, person or body of persons carrying eggs for hire or reward;

" Licence-holder " means the holder of a wholesale dealer's licence under section one of the principal Act or the holder of a retailer's licence under section six of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1936;

" Ministry " means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland;

" Producer " in relation to any eggs means the owner of of the hens or ducks by which the eggs were produced;

" Test " in relation to any eggs means test singly by artificial light by means of the apparatus known as a

"Daylight Tester" or by means of some other apparatus approved by the Ministry.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1899, (a) as applied to Northern Ireland by the Interpretation Act, 1921, (b) shall apply for the interpretation of these Rules as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Repeal of Existing Rules.

3.—The Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1931, (c) the Marketing of Eggs (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1932, (d) the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1933, (e) the Marketing of Eggs (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1934, (f) the Marketing of Eggs (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1935, (g) the Marketing of Eggs (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1937, (h) and the Marketing of Eggs (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1937, (i) 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 obligation or liability 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 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.

Forms.

4.—The forms set forth in the First Schedule hereto, or forms to the like effect, shall be used in the cases to which they are respectively expressed to be applicable, and shall for the purposes of the Acts and of these Rules be deemed to be the prescribed forms.

(a) 52-3 V., c. 63.
(b) 12 Geo. 5, c. 4 (N.I.).
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1931, No. 91.
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1932, No. 18.
(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1933, No. 17.
(f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1934, No. 24.
(g) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1935, No. 117.
(h) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1937, No. 48.
(i) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1937, No. 77.

PART II.

Wholesale Dealers' Licences.

Applications.

5.—Every applicant for a Class A licence or a Class B licence under section one of the principal Act shall make application to the Ministry in the prescribed form, and such application shall be accompanied, in the case of an application for a Class A licence, by a fee of £3, or, in the case of an application for a Class B licence, by a fee of £1.

Suspensions and Revocations.

6.—Before suspending or revoking a wholesale dealer's licence, the Ministry shall send to the holder a notice in writing stating the grounds upon which it is proposed to suspend or revoke the licence, and shall afford him a reasonable opportunity of making such representations to the Ministry in regard thereto as he may think fit.

Registration of Premises used for Wholesale Dealings.

Applications for registration of premises.

7.—An application for the registration under section three of the Act of 1931 of any premises used by a licensed wholesale dealer shall be made to the Ministry in the prescribed form.

Conditions applicable to registered premises.

8.—(1) All premises owned or occupied by a licensed wholesale dealer for any purpose of his trade shall—

(*a*) afford such space and be furnished with such equipment as will enable the trade, for the purpose of which the premises are used by the licensed wholesale dealer, to be conducted efficiently and expeditiously;

(*b*) be weatherproof and be provided with dry floors and suitable arrangements for the regulation of light, ventilation and temperature;

(*c*) be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, and be free from any odour likely to contaminate eggs or packing material.

(2) Any premises registered under section three of the Act of 1931 and used by a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A for the testing, grading or packing of eggs shall not be used for any other purpose, except with the permission of the Ministry.

(3) The owner or occupier of any premises registered under section three of the Act of 1931 shall give notice to the Ministry of any proposed structural alterations which would affect the registered premises.

Register of Premises.

9.—(1) The Ministry shall prepare and keep a register of all premises registered under section three of the Act of 1931, and the register shall show in respect of any premises registered therein :—

(*a*) the name and address of the licensed wholesale dealer by whom the premises are used;

(*b*) the class of licence which has been granted to him under section one of the principal Act as amended by section one of the Act of 1931;

(*c*) the address of the premises and such description of the premises as may be necessary for the purpose of identification; and

(*d*) the class of business in eggs for which the premises may be used.

(2) A licensed wholesale dealer shall forthwith notify the Ministry if any registered premises occupied by him have ceased to be used by him for the purpose of his trade as a licensed wholesale dealer, and the Ministry shall remove the entry relating to such premises from the register.

Certificates of Registration.

10.—(1) The Ministry shall issue to the owner or occupier of any premises registered as aforesaid a certificate of registration, and such certificate shall include all the particulars required to be entered in the register kept by the Ministry in accordance with the last preceding Rule.

(2) The licensed wholesale dealer using any registered premises shall cause the certificate of registration relating thereto to be displayed in those premises in a prominent manner.

PART III.

Conditions Applicable to Licensed Wholesale Dealers and Holders of Retailers' Licences.

Collection Cases and Labels.

11.—(1) A licence-holder who purchases eggs from any producer shall, unless the eggs are tested on delivery, pack them forthwith

in a collection case complying with the specification for No. 1 or No. 2 Collection Case as prescribed in the Second Schedule to these Rules :

Provided that this Rule shall not apply to any eggs delivered by a producer at premises used by the holder of a retailer's licence for the purpose of his business as a retailer of eggs, if the eggs are purchased by the licence-holder for re-sale by retail at such premises.

(2) A licence-holder shall not pack duck eggs in a No. 1 Collection Case, nor shall he pack hen eggs and duck eggs in the same collection case.

(3) A licence-holder shall not use for the purpose of the packing of eggs any collection cases, fillers, flats or pads which have not been provided by him and are not his own property.

(4) A licence-holder shall, before packing any eggs in a collection case, insert in the label-holder a label in the prescribed form containing the following particulars :—

(i) the name of the licence-holder (in block letters) ;
(ii) the packing-number of the collection case as defined in paragraph (5) of this Rule ;
(iii) the date of delivery by the producer (including day of the week) ; and
(iv) the name of the person to whom the eggs were delivered by the producer.

(5) A licence-holder, or any person who accepts delivery of eggs on his behalf, shall number consecutively in the order in which they are filled the collection cases used by him on any day for the packing of eggs, and the number so applied to any case shall be the packing-number of that case.

(6) A licence-holder shall not pack in any collection case any eggs delivered to him on any date other than that set forth as the date of delivery on the label attached to the case.

Identification Tickets.

12.—(1) A licence-holder who purchases eggs from any producer for the purpose of re-sale shall, on delivery of the eggs to him by the producer, place with each lot of eggs an identification ticket in the prescribed form containing the following particulars :—

(*a*) the name and licence number of the licence-holder ;
(*b*) the name of the person to whom the eggs were delivered by the producer ;
(*c*) the date of delivery ;
(*d*) the name and address of the producer ; and
(*e*) the weight and number of the hen eggs delivered by the producer ; or
(*f*) the number of duck eggs delivered by the producer.

(2) The licence-holder shall place each ticket with the lot of eggs to which it refers in such manner as will enable the said lot to be identified, and such ticket shall not be removed until the eggs are being unpacked for the purpose of being tested in accordance with the provisions of these Rules or for the purpose of re-sale by retail.

(3) The licence-holder shall give to the producer a carbon copy of the identification ticket, and he shall himself retain a carbon copy and such retained copy shall not at any time be detached from the book of which it forms part.

Collection, packing, etc., of eggs.

13.—(1) A licence-holder shall ensure that all eggs delivered to him are subsequently examined, weighed, packed, carried and stored under complete shelter from adverse weather conditions.

(2) A licence-holder shall not use any vehicles for the purpose of the collection of eggs, unless such vehicles are so constructed and furnished with such hood or other cover as will satisfy the Ministry that the eggs can be examined, weighed, packed and carried in accordance with the provisions of this Rule.

(3) A licence-holder shall ensure that there shall not be carried on any vehicle used by him for the purpose of the collection of eggs, any commodity likely to contaminate such eggs.

(4) A licence-holder shall ensure that all cases and packing material used by him for the purpose of his trade are kept dry and free from odours likely to cause contamination.

(5) A licence-holder shall as far as possible ensure that all cases of eggs in his possession shall be adequately protected from damp, adverse weather conditions and odours likely to contaminate the eggs contained therein.

(6) A licence-holder shall not use any grass, hay, musty straw or rushes for the purpose of packing eggs.

(7) A licence-holder shall ensure that all eggs packed by him are packed broad-end uppermost.

Washing, etc., of Eggs.

14.—A licence-holder shall ensure that any eggs which are in his possession and are intended for re-sale shall not be washed, steeped or otherwise cleaned.

PART IV.

CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO LICENSED WHOLESALE DEALERS OF CLASS A.

Testing, etc., of Eggs.

15.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall from time to time satisfy the Ministry that he has provided at each of his premises where testing is carried on, such a number of persons

with adequate knowledge and experience of the testing of eggs as is, in the opinion of the Ministry, sufficient for the proper testing of the eggs tested at those premises.

(2) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall ensure that all premises used by him for the testing, grading and packing of eggs shall be open for such purposes between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on at least three alternate week-days in each week, and, from the 1st April to the 30th September, on at least one additional week-day.

16.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall test all eggs which have been delivered to him by a producer or by a licensed wholesale dealer of Class B and are intended for re-sale by wholesale or for deposit in storing premises, not more than forty-eight hours after such delivery :

Provided that the twenty-four hours comprised in Easter Monday, the 12th day of July, and Christmas Day shall not, in any case, be taken into account in the calculation of such forty-eight hours.

(2) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall test and pack in cases marked with his own licence number, any British eggs which have been delivered to him at his registered premises by another licensed wholesale dealer of Class A and are intended for re-sale by wholesale, if the eggs are not despatched from such registered premises within forty-eight hours after their being tested by the licensed wholesale dealer of Class A from whom they were purchased :

Provided that the Ministry may exempt a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A from this provision, subject to such conditions as it may impose.

(3) If any eggs purchased by a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A from a producer or from a licensed wholesale dealer of Class B are not despatched from the registered premises of the licensed wholesale dealer of Class A within forty-eight hours from the time of testing by him, he shall re-test them not more than forty-eight hours before they are so despatched.

(4) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall not permit any British eggs to be removed from premises registered, in accordance with Rule nine of these Rules, for the testing, grading and packing of eggs, unless such eggs have been tested, graded and packed in accordance with these Rules.

(5) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall not test eggs for the purpose of compliance with this Rule except in premises registered, in accordance with Rule nine of these Rules, for the testing of eggs.

Standards of Quality.

17.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall classify all eggs tested by him into the following classes :—

(i) New laid eggs;
(ii) Second eggs;
(iii) Rejects.

(2) The respective standards of quality to be complied with by eggs described as " new laid eggs " and " second eggs " shall be as follows :—

(i) New laid eggs :

Eggs which have not been preserved by any process, and which, on being tested, show all the following characteristics :

(*a*) Hen eggs :

Yolk : Well in the centre of the egg, the outline only faintly visible and the whole free from embryo or germ development and from any other defect or blemish;

White : Firm, clear and free from any spot or blemish;

Shell : Of good texture and shape.

(*b*) Duck eggs :

Yolk : Visible to clearly visible;

White : Clear.

Provided that an egg shall not be described as ' new laid," if the shell is soiled, or if 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;

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

(*d*) the yolk is anywhere in contact with the shell, or is shown to have been in contact with the shell by the presence of a spot on the inner side of the shell;

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

(ii) Second eggs :

(*a*) Hen eggs which have not been preserved by any process, and which, on being tested, do not comply with the standard prescribed for " new laid eggs," but have the following characteristics :

Yolk : Visible, swinging freely but clear of side; free from mould or germ development showing blood ring;

White : Clear but may be weak; free from mould growth or rot :

Provided that an egg shall not be described as a " second egg " if it is stale within the meaning of sub-section (1) of section six of the Act of 1926.

(*b*) Hen eggs the shells of which are soiled but which otherwise have the characteristics of " new laid eggs."

(3) Eggs which do not comply with the standard for " new laid eggs " or " second eggs " prescribed in paragraph (2) shall be classified as " rejects " :

Provided that eggs preserved by any process shall not be classified as " rejects," if they comply in other respects with the standards prescribed for " new laid eggs " or " second eggs."

Marking of Second Eggs and Rejects.

18.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall forthwith cause every egg which is found on being tested to be a " second egg " to be marked on the shell in a legible and indelible manner with the word " Second " 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.

(2) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall forthwith cause every egg which is found on being tested to be a " reject " to be marked on the shell in a legible and indelible manner 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.

Completion and Return of Identification Tickets.

19.—(1) Immediately after any eggs with which an identification ticket has been enclosed have been tested by a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A, such licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall enter on the identification ticket the number of eggs which have been marked with the word " Second," and the number of eggs which have been marked with the word " Reject."

(2) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall, within seven days of the date of the delivery of the eggs to him, return to each producer from whom he purchased eggs, the identification ticket relating to such eggs, the ticket having been duly completed by the licensed wholesale dealer of Class A, stamped with his name and initialled by the person who tested the eggs.

(3) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall, within three days of the date of the delivery of the eggs to him, return to each licensed wholesale dealer of Class B from whom he purchased eggs, the identification tickets relating to such eggs, particulars of the testers' reports having been inserted thereon by the licensed wholesale dealer of Class A, and the tickets stamped with his name and initialled by the person who tested the eggs.

Grading and Packing of New Laid Eggs.

20.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall pack all "new laid eggs" intended for re-sale by wholesale in accordance with the following provisions :—

(i) The eggs shall be graded and packed in accordance with the following grades :—

Grade Designation.	Conditions as to Weight and Size.
Extra Special	For hen eggs each weighing not less than 2 7/16 ounces.
Special	For hen eggs each weighing not less than 2 3/16 ounces.
Standard	For hen eggs each weighing not less than 1 15/16 ounces.
Selected	For hen eggs each weighing not less than 1 11/16 ounces.
Smalls	For hen eggs each weighing less than 1 11/16 ounces.
Ducks	For duck eggs of reasonably uniform size.

(ii) The top layer of eggs in any case shall be fairly representative of the remainder in shape and appearance.

(iii) There shall not be included in any case of graded "new laid eggs," any eggs which do not comply with the standard prescribed for "new laid eggs" in Rule seventeen of these Rules.

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

(v) Eggs with weak, cracked, chipped, dented or broken shells shall not be included in any case of graded "new laid eggs."

(vi) The eggs shall be packed by hand.

(vii) The grading and packing shall not be conducted except in premises registered for the purpose in accordance with Rule nine of these Rules.

Standard Cases.

21.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall, for the carriage of graded "new laid eggs" in consignments of not less than 300, use only cases of the following types, viz. :—

No. 1 Standard Case,
No. 2 Standard Case,
No. 3 Standard Case,
No. 3 Standard Case (Large),

and each type of case shall be constructed in accordance with the appropriate specification contained in the Second Schedule to these Rules :

Provided that the Ministry may, in special circumstances, authorise the use of cases other than those specified.

(2) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall not pack "new laid eggs" for despatch to destinations outside Northern Ireland except in new cases fitted with new fillers, flats and pads.

(3) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall maintain all cases, fillers, flats and pads used by him for the carriage of eggs within Northern Ireland in a condition of cleanliness and good order.

(4) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall not use for the carriage of graded eggs any collection case used by him for the collection of eggs.

Packing of Standard Cases.

22.—A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall, in packing Standard Cases, comply with the following provisions :—

(i) The material used for packing eggs in Nos. 1 and 2 Standard Cases shall consist of wood-wool, or other material approved by the Ministry, free from mustiness, mould, or odour likely to contaminate eggs packed therein. 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;

(ii) In the No. 2 Standard Case and in either compartment of the No. 1 Standard Case, eggs of "Smalls," "Selected," "Standard" or "Special" grades shall be packed in three layers, each containing ten rows of twelve eggs in each row, and duck eggs or eggs of the "Extra Special" grade shall be packed in three layers, each containing nine rows with eleven eggs in each row and one odd egg in each layer;

(iii) The packing material for No. 3 Standard Case and No. 3 Standard Case (Large) shall consist of fillers, flats and pads as prescribed in the Second Schedule to these Rules, or of such other packing material as the Ministry may approve.

Marking of Standard Cases.

23.—A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall brand or mark all Standard Cases in accordance with the following provisions :—

(i) All cases of eggs prepared for re-sale or consignment shall, before despatch from the registered premises of a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A, be branded or marked on each end in a legible and indelible manner, with letters or numbers, not less than three-fourths of an 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 the licensed wholesale dealer of Class A; and

(*d*) the date of testing.

The date of testing shall be indicated by means of a code approved by the Ministry. These markings shall be shown on the cases in the manner prescribed in the Third Schedule to these Rules.

In addition, the following words shall be marked in a legible and indelible manner on the lid of each case :—" Eggs.—This Side Up. With Care."

(ii) The markings prescribed in paragraph (i) of this Rule are additional to those prescribed in the Acts for use in connection with preserved, cold-stored, chemically-stored or pickled eggs.

(iii) On application being made by any licensed wholesale dealer of Class A, the Ministry may approve of markings differing in size and position from those prescribed in paragraph (i) of this Rule, or of the use of labels containing the particulars required to be inscribed on cases by the said paragraph :

Provided that in no circumstances shall a case be deemed to be marked in accordance with these Rules, unless it has been marked with the date of testing in the manner prescribed in the said paragraph.

(iv) In each case of graded eggs packed for despatch there shall be enclosed a ticket on which shall be shown the licence number of the wholesale dealer of Class A on whose registered premises the eggs were packed, the initials of, or other reference which shall identify, the person or persons who packed the eggs, the code reference to the date of testing, and the initials of, or other reference which shall identify, the person or persons who tested the eggs.

(v) Cases used for the consignment of " second eggs " shall be marked on the outside of the top batten of each end of the case in a legible and indelible manner with the word " Seconds " in letters not less than three-fourths of an inch in height.

Records.

24.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall keep a record in respect of each day showing :—

(*a*) the quantity (by weight) of hen eggs and the number of duck eggs purchased by him from producers;

(*b*) the numbers of such eggs which have, in accordance with Rule eighteen of these Rules, been marked with the word "Second " or the word " Reject " respectively;

(*c*) the names and addresses of licensed wholesale dealers of Class B from whom he purchased eggs, and the quantity (by weight) of hen eggs and the number of duck eggs, purchased from each;

(*d*) the number of eggs purchased from each such licensed wholesale dealer of Class B which have, in accordance with Rule

eighteen of these Rules, been marked with the word "Second" or the word "Reject" respectively;

(*e*) the quantity of eggs purchased from each licensed wholesale dealer of Class A from whom eggs were purchased;

(*f*) the quantity of eggs brought into Northern Ireland;

(*g*) the names and addresses of holders of retailers' licences to whom he sold eggs, and the numbers and grades of "new laid eggs," "second eggs" and other eggs respectively sold to each;

(*h*) the names and addresses of licensed wholesale dealers of Class A to whom he sold eggs, and the numbers and grades of "new laid eggs" and "second eggs" respectively sold to each;

(*i*) the price realised for each sale at (*g*) and (*h*) above;

(*j*) the commission paid to agents in respect of each such sale; and

(*k*) the discount given in respect of each such sale and other deductions from the realised price.

(2) Every licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall also keep a record showing, in respect of each consignment of eggs despatched to a place outside Northern Ireland:—

(*a*) the date of despatch;

(*b*) the quantity (in long hundreds) and particulars of the grades or other classes of eggs included in the consignment;

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

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

(*e*) the price realised for the consignment (f.o.b., f.o.r., carriage forward, or carriage paid to destination);

(*f*) the cost of carriage, if eggs were sent f.o.b. or carriage paid to destination;

(*g*) the commission paid to agents in respect of the consignment; and

(*h*) discounts or other deductions from the realised price.

Returns.

25.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall complete and furnish to the Ministry in respect of each week a return in the prescribed form of all eggs (other than preserved, cold-stored, chemically-stored and pickled eggs) produced in Northern Ireland and sold by him during that week. The return shall be sent to the Ministry so as to reach it not later than the Tuesday (or such other day as the Ministry may determine) following the week to which the return relates.

(2) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall, in respect of each consignment of eggs despatched to Great Britain, the Irish Free State or the Isle of Man, send to the carrying company concerned, for transmission to the Ministry, a Shipment Return in the prescribed form, showing the quantity of eggs included in the consignment and the destination to which the consignment is despatched.

(3) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall furnish to the Ministry not later than the 14th day after the conclusion of each of the quarters ending 31st January, 30th April, 31st July and 31st October respectively, a return, in the prescribed form, of the quantities of preserved, cold-stored, chemically-stored and pickled eggs, sent by him during the preceding quarter to Great Britain, the Irish Free State or the Isle of Man.

Fees.

26.—(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 a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall be at the rate of one halfpenny for each 30 dozen eggs so despatched.

(2) The fees shall be payable in respect of the quarters ending 31st January, 30th April, 31st July and 31st October respectively in any year.

(3) The amount due in respect of fees for any quarter shall be paid to the Ministry within fourteen days from the date of the issue by the Ministry of a demand in writing for such payment.

Transit.

27.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall not despatch any consignment of British 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.

PART V.

Conditions Applicable to Licensed Wholesale Dealers of Class B.

Delivery of Eggs to Licensed Wholesale Dealers of Class A.

28.—A licensed wholesale dealer of Class B shall, not later than the week-day next following the date of their delivery to him, deliver to a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A, all eggs purchased by him for the purpose of re-sale by wholesale :

Provided that Easter Monday, the 12th day of July and Christmas Day shall not be deemed to be week-days for the purpose of this Rule.

Return of Identification Tickets.

29.—A licensed wholesale dealer of Class B shall give to each person from whom he has purchased eggs for re-sale by wholesale, not more than seven days after the date of their delivery to him, the

identification ticket, duly completed, relating to such eggs, which was transmitted with the eggs to a licensed wholesale dealer of Class A, unless such licensed wholesale dealer of Class A has failed to return the said identification ticket in accordance with Rule nineteen of these Rules.

Records.

30.—A licensed wholesale dealer of Class B shall keep a record in respect of each day showing the names and addresses of licensed wholesale dealers of Class A to whom he sold eggs, and the quantity (by weight) of hen eggs and the number of duck eggs, sold to each.

PART VI.

Preserved, Cold-stored, Chemically-stored and Pickled Eggs.

Marking of Preserved Eggs Sold or Exposed for Sale.

31.—(1) Eggs which have been cold-stored or chemically-stored shall be marked in a legible and indelible manner on the shell, in the former case with the word "Chilled" or the word "Cold-stored," and in the latter case with the word "Sterilised," the letters being in each case not less than one-eighth of an inch in height, the word being enclosed in a circle of not less than three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

(2) Eggs preserved by any process other than cold-storage or chemical-storage, shall be marked in a legible and indelible manner on the shell with the word "Preserved" in letters not less than one-eighth of an inch in height, the word being enclosed in a circle of not less than three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

Application for the Registration of Premises.

32.—An application for the registration under section two of the principal Act as amended by section one of the Act of 1928, of premises used or intended to be used by way of trade or for purposes of gain for the preserving, cold-storage, chemical-storage or pickling of eggs shall be made in the prescribed form.

Records and Returns.

33.—(1) The owner or occupier of any such premises registered as aforesaid (in these Rules 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 (a) the quantity and ownership of eggs deposited at the storing premises; (b) the date of each deposit; (c) the quantity and ownership of eggs removed from the premises; (d) the date of each removal; and (e) the name and address of the consignee in the case of all eggs forwarded from such premises.

(2) 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.

Marking of Eggs on Deposit in, or Withdrawal from, Storing Premises.

34.—(1) If and so long as any Order of His Majesty in Council under section two 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, be marked in the manner prescribed in paragraph (1) of Rule thirty-one of these Rules for cold-stored eggs or chemically-stored eggs as may be appropriate.

(2) 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 or under these Rules in respect of any such contravention, the said eggs shall be marked by, or on behalf of, the owner thereof in the manner specified in the said paragraph before removal from the premises.

Grading of Cold-Stored, etc., Eggs.

35.—A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall, before their deposit in storing premises, grade all eggs intended for preserving, cold-storage, chemical-storage, or pickling, in accordance with the grades prescribed for "new laid eggs" in Rule twenty of these Rules, and shall re-grade such eggs on their withdrawal from storing premises if the original grading has been altered otherwise than by the storing process.

Testing of Cold-Stored, etc., Eggs.

36.—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall test all preserved, cold-stored, chemically-stored or pickled eggs within forty-eight hours before their despatch from storing premises or from his registered premises, unless 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 $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height.

(2) 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 or is shown to have been in contact with the shell by the presence of a spot on the inner side of the shell;

(*c*) The white has become tinted.

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

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

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

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture this tenth day of February, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, in the presence of

(L.S.) (Signed) D. A. E. HARKNESS,
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

FORM No. 1.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A WHOLESALE DEALER'S LICENCE.

(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 propose to engage in the collection of eggs in the following areas, viz.,.....

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(3) I/We enclose herewith the sum of £.....being the fees prescribed by the 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).

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

Signature of Applicant.....

Full Postal Address.....

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Date.....

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

FORM No. 2.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF WHOLESALE DEALER'S PREMISES.

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

Addresses of Premises.	Purpose for which the premises are used.
(1)	.....
(2)	.....
(3)	.....
(4)	.....
(5)	.....
(6)	.....

Signature of Applicant.....

Full Postal Address.....

Date.....

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

FORM No. 3.

Form of the Label for use with Egg Collection Case.

Name of Licence-holder	Packing Number
Date.....	
Day.....	
Collector.....	

The label shall be not less than 3¾ inches in width by 2¾ inches in length, and shall be of clean white board with a caliper thickness of .012 inches.

FORM No. 4.

FORM OF IDENTIFICATION TICKET.

Serial No. 000

IDENTIFICATION TICKET.

Name of Licence-holder.....Lic. No.....

Producer's Name.....

Address.....

Date of Collection.....Collector.....

	lbs. ozs.	doz. odd	Price per lb.	£ s. d.
Hen Eggs				
Duck Eggs			Price per doz.	
		Tester's Report	Deductions	
			Per egg / Total s. d.	
	"Second Eggs"			
	Soiled Eggs			
	"Rejects"			
Amount paid to the Producer £.....				

Date of Testing.....Tester.....

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The Identification Ticket shall contain no other printed matter on either side.

The Identification Ticket shall be not less than 6 inches by 6 inches, and shall be of Bank or Bond writing paper of good quality at least equivalent to White Bank paper of substance 16½ inches x 21/11 lbs. per 500 sheets, free from mechanical wood.

Identification tickets shall be bound in the form of books.

Name of licensed wholesale dealer of Class A.....
Address.....
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FORM No. 5.

FORM OF WEEKLY PRICE RETURN TO BE MADE BY LICENSED WHOLESALE DEALERS OF CLASS A.

HEN EGGS.

Week ended Saturday.....19.....

Address of store from which eggs are despatched } .....
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RETURN OF SALES TO RETAILERS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

Date of Despatch	Details of Sales in Grades or Classes.																Total Price Realised	Allowable Deductions.
	Extra Special		Special		Standard		Selected		Smalls		Seconds		Chipped		Total			
	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9	10
	hhd.	doz.	hhd.	doz.	hhd.	doz.	hhd.	doz.	hhd.	doz.	hhd.	doz.	hhd.	doz.	hhd.	doz.	£ s d	£ s d

RETURN OF EXPORTS.

Serial Number of Shipment Return	Date of Despatch	Details of Consignments in Grades or Classes (Give number of long hundreds)							Total Price Realised	Commission paid to Agents	Other Allowable Deductions	Destination (Name of Town)	Method of Consignment.			
		Extra Special	Special	Standard	Selected	Smalls	Seconds	Chipped					If F.O.R. or Carriage Forward	If F.O.B.		If Carriage paid to Destination
														Name of Railway Station	Port of Shipment	Cost of Carriage which has been included in Price in Column (8)
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 £ s d	9 £ s d	10 £ s d	11	12	13	14 £ s d	15 £ s d

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FORM No. 5—Continued.

DUCK EGGS.

RETURN OF SALES TO RETAILERS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

Date of Despatch	Quantity. 1		Total Price Realised 2			Allowable Deductions 3	
	hhd.	doz.	£	s.	d.	£ s d	

RETURN OF EXPORTS.

							Method of Consignment.			
							If F.O.R. or Carriage Forward	If F.O.B.		If Carriage Paid to destination
Serial Number of Shipment Return	Date of Despatch	Quantity (Give number of long Hundreds).	Total Price Realised	Commission paid to Agents	Other Allowable Deductions	Destination (Name of Town)	Name of Railway Station	Port of Shipment	Cost of Carriage which has been included in Price in Column (3)	Cost of Carriage which has been included in Price in Column (2)
		1	2 £ s d	3 £ s d	4 £ s d	5	6	7	8 £ s d	9 £ s d

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

I/We hereby declare that this return includes all eggs of the grades and classes indicated produced in Northern Ireland and sold by me/us during the week ended 19 , and that all the particulars contained therein are correct.

Signature of Class A Dealer ..... Date .....

FORM No. 6.

SHIPMENT RETURN.

Serial No. .....

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 No. .....

Date.....

THE SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
STORMONT,
BELFAST.

FORM No. 7.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF PREMISES ON WHICH EGGS ARE PRESERVED, COLD-STORED, PICKLED OR CHEMICALLY-STORED.

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 two of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1924, as amended by Section one of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1928.

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

Signed.....

Address.....

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

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

FORM No. 8.

FORM OF QUARTERLY RETURN BY LICENSED WHOLESALE DEALERS OF CLASS A OF PRESERVED, COLD-STORED, CHEMICALLY-STORED OR PICKLED EGGS SENT TO GREAT BRITAIN, THE IRISH FREE STATE OR THE ISLE OF MAN DURING THE QUARTER ENDED .....

Class of Eggs.	Number of 30 dozen cases.
Preserved Eggs Cold-stored Eggs Chemically-stored Eggs Pickled Eggs	
Total Quantity sent	

I/We hereby declare that the above return is correct.

Signature of Licensed Wholesale Dealer of

Class A .....

Date .....

SECOND SCHEDULE.

PART I.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR EGG COLLECTION CASES.

COLLECTION CASE NO. 1.

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

Internal Dimensions. Each compartment not less than			Timber Dimensions. Not less than						Fillers. Each Division	
							End Boards			
Length	Width	Depth	Bottom Boards	Side Boards	Lid Boards	Centre Division Boards	Centre Board.	Other Boards	Depth	Square
			Long Thick	Long Thick	Long Thick	Wide Thick	Wide Thick	Wide Thick		
11⅝"	11⅝"	13¼"	25 7/16" 5/16"	24 9/16" 5/16"	26⅛" 7/16"	6½" 7/16"	4" 7/16"	3¼" 7/16"	2½"	1¾"

MATERIAL.

The timber shall be white deal.

SPACING.

The spacing between any two adjoining boards throughout the case shall not exceed ¼ inch. Where there is spacing between any two side boards it shall be so arranged as to prevent any flats working through.

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 not be less than 4 inches in width. To the bottom of the end boards on the outside of each end of the case shall be nailed a cross batten measuring not less than 12¼ inches by 2½ inches by ⅞ inch. One inch from the top of the end boards on the outside of each end of the case shall be nailed a cross batten measuring 12¼ inches by 1½ inches by ¾ inch.

LID.

The lid shall consist of three boards measuring 26⅛ inches in length by ⅞ inch thick, the entire width of the lid being 12¾ inches, and no spacing being allowed between boards. Cross battens measuring 12¼ inches by 1 inch by ¾ inch shall be fixed across the ends of the boards on the under side, flush with the ends and sides of the boards.

NAILS AND NAILING.

The nails used throughout the case shall be of 14 gauge and shall be cement-coated. They shall be 1⅜ inches long except those used in making the lid, which shall be not less than 1¼ inches.

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 4 inches.

FIXING LID.

A cleet shall be fixed in the centre of each of the cross battens of the lid so as to pass through a slot cut for the purpose in each of the cross battens at the top of the ends of the case and so that when the cleet is turned parallel to the batten the lid is securely fixed to the case.

CLEET.

The cleet shall be of 8 gauge wire, 3½ inches in length and turned at right angles 1 inch from the end. The head shall be sufficiently large, or have a washer fixed underneath, to prevent the cleet from working loose in the wood.

WIRING.

The case shall be bound by means of wire extending round the ends of the bottom boards, the ends of the side boards and the tops of the end boards. Wire shall also be bound round the centre of the bottom and side boards and top of the centre boards. All wire shall be fastened with not less than two wire staples in each board.

The wire for binding the case shall be half-round "Crescent" wire of gauge 9 by 15. The staples shall be 1 inch long and of 14 gauge of the type known in the trade as "tenterhooks."

VARNISHING.

The outside of all boards in the case and lid shall be varnished.

BRANDING.

On one of the end boards inside and outside there shall be branded the letter "A," and on the other end inside and outside the letter "B." The branding shall be in block letters not less than 2 inches high.

At the top of the centre board on each end of the case on the outside there shall be branded the licence number of the owner of the case in the following form :—

LIC.
NO.
0001.

in block letters and figures not less than 1¼ inches in height. On both sides of the case on the outside shall be branded in block letters not less than 2 inches in height the name of the licence-holder.

LABEL-HOLDER.

At the bottom of the centre board on the outside of the end of the case marked "B" shall be fixed a label-holder so constructed that a label can be inserted measuring not less than 3¼ inches in width by 2⅜ inches in depth and exposing a surface measuring not less than 2⅝ inches in width by 1⅞ inches in depth. Screws must be used in fastening the label-holder to the case.

COLLECTION CASE NO. 2.

The case shall be similar in material and construction to case No. 1, but shall be made in accordance with the following specifications :—

Internal Dimensions. Each compartment not less than			Timber Dimensions. Not less than						Fillers, Each Division	
							End Boards			
Length	Width	Depth	Bottom Boards	Side Boards	Lid Boards	Centre Division Boards	Centre Board	Other Boards	Depth	Square
			Long Thick	Long Thick	Long Thick	Wide Thick	Wide Thick	Wide Thick		
12¾"	12⅜"	13¼"	26 5/16" 5/16"	26 1/16" 5/16"	27 5/8" 7/16"	6½" 7/16"	4" 7/16"	3¾" 7/16"	2½"	1⅞"

The other dimensions for a No. 1 collection case shall be modified accordingly.

FILLERS, FLATS AND PADS.

Fillers of the dimensions prescribed above and flats and pads shall be used in the packing of eggs in No. 1 and No. 2 Egg Collection Cases, and such fillers, flats, and pads shall comply with the provisions of Part III. of this Schedule.

PART II.

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 white deal of suitable strength, well-seasoned, clean, dry and free from bark, wane, feather and discoloration.

All timber thicknesses specified are actual, not nominal.

No. 1 STANDARD CASE (DIVISIBLE).

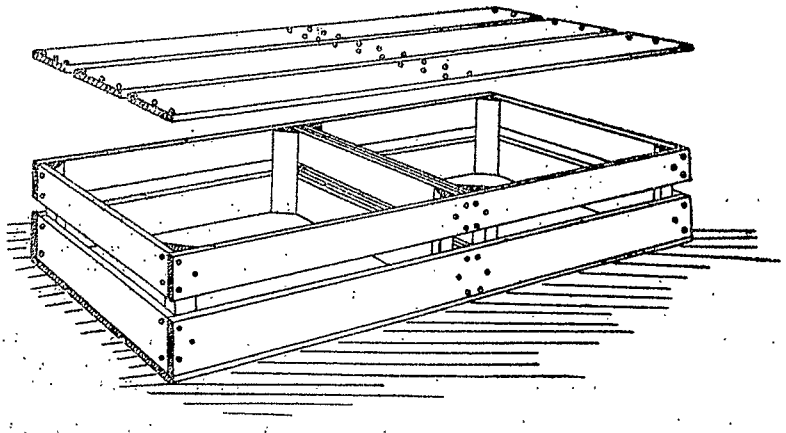
This case is designed for not more than 6 hd. (720) hen eggs of the following grades—

"Smalls," "Selected," "Standard" and "Special,"

or 5 hd. (600) hen eggs of the "Special" 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.		Side boards.		End and centre boards.		Corner Angle posts.
			Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick	
26″	23″	8″	4″	$\frac{3}{8}$″	3″	$\frac{3}{8}$″	3″	$\frac{5}{8}$″	2″ square, cut diagonally.

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

Saw space not exceeding $\frac{1}{4}$ 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 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch. If end boards of greater thickness than $\frac{3}{8}$ 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. 1¼ 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.

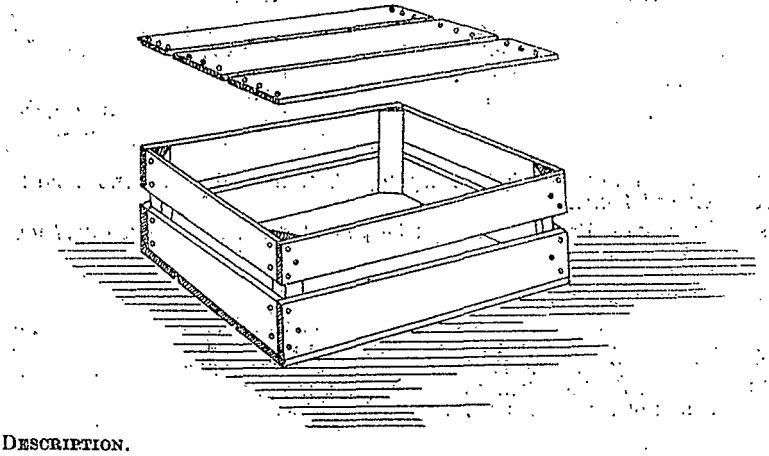
In nailing top and bottom boards to centre division boards care should be exercised to place the nails in rows with at least ⅜ inch space between the rows so as to allow for the free working of a saw when the case is being divided.

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," "Standard," and "Special,"
or 2½ hd. (300) hen eggs of the "Special" grade,
or 2⅔ 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. Not less than			TIMBER DIMENSIONS to be not less than						
Length.	Width.	Depth.	Top and Bottom boards.		Side boards.		End boards.		Corner Angle posts.
			Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick	2" square, cut diagonally.
26"	23"	8"	4"	⅜"	3"	⅜"	3"	⅝"	

CONSTRUCTION.

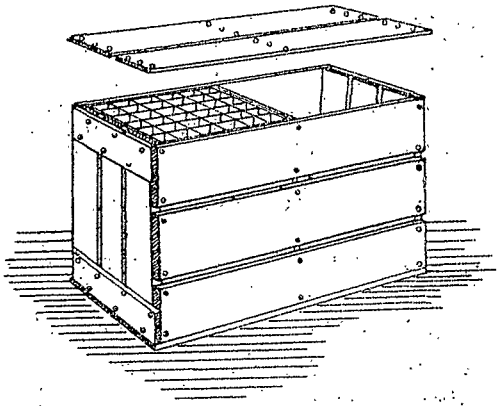
This case is one-half of the No. 1 Standard Case and, with the necessary modifications, shall be constructed in like manner to that case.

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" or "Standard" grades.

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:									
									End boards			
Length	Width	Depth	Top and Bottom boards		Side boards		Centre division board		Centre board		Other boards	
			Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick
11⅝"	11⅝"	13¼"	3"	5/16"	4"	5/16"	6½"	7/16"	4"	7/16"	3¼"	7/16"

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 12¾ inches by 2 inches by 7/8 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 13¾ 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 ¾ inch. When spacing is provided between any two side boards, it shall be arranged so as to prevent any of the flats working through.

FILLERS, FLATS AND PADS.

Fillers used for the packing of eggs of the "Selected" grade shall be 2⅜ inches in depth, each division being 1⅝ inches square, and the extreme width of the filler 11½ inches.

Fillers used for the packing of eggs of the "Standard" grade shall be 2⅜ inches in depth, each division being 1¾ inches square, and the extreme width of the filler 11½ inches.

Flats and pads shall be 11½ inches square.

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" or "Extra Special" grades or duck eggs.

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									
									End boards			
			Top and Bottom boards		Side boards		Centre division boards		Centre board		Other boards	
Length	Width	Depth	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick
12¾"	12⅜"	13¼"	3"	5/16"	4"	5/16"	6½"	7/16"	4"	7/16"	3½"	7/16

FILLERS, FLATS AND PADS.

Fillers shall be 2⅜ inches in depth, each division being 1⅝ inches square, and the extreme width of the filler shall be 12¼ inches.

Flats and pads shall be 12¼ inches square.

PART III.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR FILLERS, FLATS AND PADS FOR USE IN COLLECTION CASES, No. 3 STANDARD CASES AND No. 3 STANDARD CASES (LARGE).

(1) FILLERS:

Fillers shall be of pulp-board conforming to the following specifications or of such other material or type as may be approved by the Ministry :—

(a) *Material :*

The fibre of the board shall be of clean wood pulp (mechanical, chemical or a combination of both) so treated as to comply in other respects with this specification.

(b) *Weight :*

The board shall be of substance equivalent to 330 grammes per square metre.

(c) *Bursting Strain :*

The bursting strain of the board when tested by the Mullen Paper Tester shall be not less than one-sixth of the weight specified in paragraph (b) above, expressed in lbs. per square inch.

(d) *Bulk :*

.030"

(e) *Colour :*

White or cream.

(f) *Mineral Matter :*

The ash shall not exceed 3% on complete incineration.

(g) *Water Absorption :*

There shall not be any penetration of water through to the top side when representative samples measuring $\frac{1}{2}$ inch x $\frac{1}{2}$ inch are floated on the surface of distilled water in a glass vessel, at 60/65° Fahrenheit, for 10 minutes.

Fillers of the type known as "ventilated" fillers shall not be used.

(2) FLATS:

Flats shall be of the corrugated type, or such other type as may be approved by the Ministry. A corrugated flat shall be placed between each pair of fillers with the corrugated side uppermost.

The specification of the Flats shall be as follows:—

(a) *Material :*

The fibrous constituents of the flat shall be mechanical or chemical wood pulp or a combination of both (not excluding waste paper of suitable quality), so treated as to comply in other respects with this specification.

(b) *Weight :*

The paper of the back shall be of substance equivalent to 115 grammes per square metre.

The paper of the front shall be of substance equivalent to 175 grammes per square metre.

(c) *Bursting Strain:*
The bursting strain of the back and of the front of the flat when tested by the Mullen Paper Tester shall in each case be not less than one-sixth of the appropriate weight specified in paragraph (b) above, expressed in lbs. per square inch.

(d) *Bulk:*
Front Paper = .010".
Back Paper = .0065".

(e) *Colour:*
Cream or buff.

(f) *Flutes:*
Per foot — 32. The flutes shall be regular in shape throughout the length of the flat and shall not be cut or dented.

(g) *Height of Flutes:*
$\frac{3}{4}$"

(h) *Mineral Matter:*
The ash shall not exceed 10% on complete incineration.

(i) *Water Absorption:*
There shall not be any penetration of water through to the top side when representative samples measuring ½ inch x ½ inch are floated on the surface of distilled water in a glass vessel, at 60/65° Fahrenheit, for 10 minutes.

(j) *Adhesive:*
Any reliable adhesive free from nitrogenous matter.

(3) PADS:
Pads may be composed of a number of flats made in accordance with the specification set forth above, placed together with the flutes at right angles, or may be of any other type approved by the Ministry. Pads consisting of more than one flat shall be made in such manner that the bottom of the pad shall be the plain side of a flat and the top side shall be corrugated. Where flats are fastened together to form a pad, the method of fastening shall be wire-stitching or the use of some adhesive substance. The wire used for stitching shall be treated in such a manner as to make it untarnishable. Any adhesive substance used for fastening purposes shall be odourless, free from nitrogenous matter and such as will not be injurious to the keeping quality of eggs.

A pad shall be of a minimum thickness of a ½ inch at any point in its entire surface under a continuous load of 200 lbs. for a period of not less than 15 minutes. The thickness of pads formed by fastening two or more corrugated flats together shall be calculated by measuring the vertical distance when under load between the bottom of the under flat forming the pad and the top of the flutes of the upper flat. The thickness of other pads shall be calculated by measuring the vertical distance between the bottom of the pad and the surface on which the filler rests.

Four pads shall be used in each case of eggs. If pads composed of flats are used, the bottom pad in each compartment shall be placed with the corrugation uppermost and the top pad in each compartment shall be placed with the corrugation downwards.

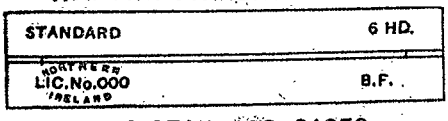
(4) MARKINGS:
There shall be printed or embossed on all fillers, flats and pads in a legible manner, either the name of the manufacturer or a mark which has been submitted to the Ministry as indicating such name.

(5) TOLERANCE:
Plus or minus 10% except in the case of the height of flutes, in which case the tolerance shall be minus $\frac{1}{16}$".

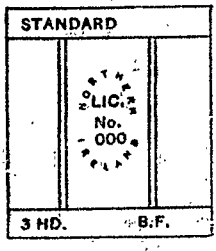
THIRD SCHEDULE.

DESIGN TO INDICATE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE MARKINGS PRESCRIBED BY ARTICLE 23 (MARKING OF STANDARD CASES) SHALL BE SHOWN ON THE ENDS OF STANDARD CASES.

Nos. 1 & 2 STANDARD CASES.



No. 3 STANDARD CASES.



During the period 1st April to 30th November in any year, the date of testing of eggs shall be inscribed on the inside of the bottom board of each end of the No. 1 and No. 2 Standard Cases, and in the No. 3 Standard Cases in the centre of the middle board on the inside of each end of such case not less than 6 inches from the top or bottom of that board.

RULES, DATED THE 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1938, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION SEVEN OF THE MARKETING OF EGGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1924.

1938. No. 134.

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

Amendment of the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938.

1.—In the Third Schedule to the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938, (a) the words " during the period 1st April to 30th November in any year " shall be omitted.

Citation and Construction

2.—These Rules may be cited as " The Marketing of Eggs (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938," and shall be construed as one with the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938.

SEALED with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this first day of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, in the presence of

(L.S.) (Signed) J. TAYLOR,
Assistant Secretary

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1938, No. 10.

Wholesale Dealers' Prices.

NOTE.—The Ministry of Agriculture made, in the year 1938, the following Orders determining from time to time the prices payable for eggs by licensed wholesale dealers :—

1938. Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 60, 61, 62, 69, 71, 74, 75, 79, 83, 90, 99, 100.

These Orders, being temporary in effect, have not been printed at length in this volume.

FISHERIES.

Sea Fisheries: Herring Fishery.

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD DAY OF MAY, 1938, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE HERRING FISHERY (BRANDING) ACT, 1913, AS APPLIED TO NORTHERN IRELAND BY SECTION 8 OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1932.

1938. No. 70.

I.—CONSTRUCTION, CAPACITY AND CONDITION OF BARRELS AND HALF-BARRELS INTENDED FOR THE CROWN BRAND.

1. *General.*

Barrels and half-barrels must be constructed of wood of best quality only. " Seconds " of spruce or Scotch fir shall not be accepted for branding.

2. *Staves and Ends.*

(*a*) QUALITY, &C., OF STAVES.—The staves of every barrel and half-barrel shall be made from well-seasoned wood of good quality, capable of retaining the pickle. In course of construction, they shall be well fired, so as to admit of their being bent to the requisite extent. They shall not be cracked, broken, or patched, and there shall not be a double croze. The chime shall not be less than 1 inch in length.

(*b*) THICKNESS OF STAVES AND ENDS.—The staves of every barrel and half-barrel shall, when completed, be not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ and not more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in thickness throughout; and the ends of every barrel and half-barrel shall, when completed, be not less than $\frac{5}{8}$ and not more than $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch in thickness throughout.