1. No person shall in Northern Ireland sell, expose or offer for sale, or have in his possession for the purpose of sale, any sea-fish of the following descriptions of less than the following measurements, that is to say :—

Hake, thirteen inches long ;
Haddock, nine and a half inches long ;
Plaice, nine inches long ;
Dabs, nine inches long ;
Soles, nine inches long ;

the measurement being taken in each case in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the furthest extremity of the tail when the fish is laid flat.

2. This Order may be cited as The Sea-fishing Industry (Immature Sea-fish) Order (Northern Ireland), 1933.

3. This Order shall come into force on the 20th day of December, 1933.

In witness whereof the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland has hereunto set its Official Seal this ninth day of December, 1933.

(L.S.) *W. D. Scott,*
Secretary.

FRUIT, MARKETING OF.

Rules.

THE MARKETING OF FRUIT RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1933, DATED 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1933.

1933. No. 96.

The Ministry of Agriculture by virtue and in exercise of the powers for this purpose vested in it by the Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland), 1931 (21 and 22 Geo. V. ch. 8) and of every other power in that behalf enabling it hereby makes the rules following, that is to say :—

I. *Short Title.*

These Rules shall be known as the Marketing of Fruit Rules (Northern Ireland), 1933.

II. *Definitions.*

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

(1) the expression " Ministry " shall mean the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland ;

(2) the expression " prescribed " shall mean prescribed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland ;

(3) the expression " authorised " shall mean authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland.

III. *Application.*

These Rules shall apply to apples only.

IV. *Licences.*

(1) Application for a licence shall be made in the form or to the effect stated in the First Schedule to these Rules.

(2) A licence shall be in the form or to the effect stated in the Second Schedule to these Rules.

V. *Conditions to be observed by Persons granted Licences when consigning Apples from Northern Ireland under the Authority of a Licence.*

Apples sent by licence-holders from Northern Ireland to Great Britain or the Isle of Man shall be—

(*a*) graded and be of the standards of quality as laid down in the Third Schedule to these Rules, and

(*b*) packed and marked as laid down in the Fourth Schedule to these Rules.

VI. *Permits.*

(1) Application for a permit may be made in the form or to the effect stated in the Fifth Schedule (A or B) to these Rules.

(2) A Permit may be in the form or to the effect stated in the Sixth Schedule (A or B) to these Rules.

VII. *Grade Designations.*

The Ministry hereby prescribes the designations " C," " F " and " E.F." referred to in the Third Schedule to these Rules as grade designations for the purposes of Section 10 of the Act and the standards as to quality laid down in the Third and Fourth Schedules to these Rules shall be the definition of quality referred to in the Act as the " statutory definition."

VIII. *Small Consignments.*

The provisions of the Act shall not apply to consignments of apples sent from Northern Ireland weighing not more than one and a half hundredweights.

IX. *Revocation.*

The Marketing of Fruit Rules (Northern Ireland), 1931, and The Marketing of Fruit No. 2 Rules (Northern Ireland), 1931, are hereby revoked provided that such revocation shall not :—

(*a*) Affect the previous operation of such Orders or anything duly done or suffered under such Orders ; or

(*b*) Affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under such Orders ; or

(*c*) Affect any penalty incurred in respect of any offence committed against such Orders ; or

(*d*) 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 this Order had not been made.

X. *Commencement.*

These Rules shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of September, 1933.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland, is hereunto affixed this eleventh day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-three.

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

FIRST SCHEDULE.

M.F.1.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE UNDER THE MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

(1) I/We_____
hereby apply for a Licence under the above-mentioned Act to send fruit to Great Britain or the Isle of Man.

(2) I/We enclose herewith cheque for £1 being the annual fee prescribed by the above-mentioned Act for a Licence.

(3) I/We hereby undertake, in the event of a Licence being granted to me/us to comply with the provisions of the above-mentioned Act and of the Rules made thereunder and with such Rules and directions as the Ministry may from time to time issue.

Signature of Applicant(s).....

Full Postal Address.....

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.....

Date.....

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

SECOND SCHEDULE.

M.F.2.

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

Licence Number.....

LICENCE.

This is to certify that.....

of.....

.....in the county of.....

is/are licensed under the above-mentioned Act to send fruit to Great Britain or the Isle of Man, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder and with such Rules and directions as the Ministry may from time to time issue.

This licence is valid up to and including the.....

day of.....193.....after which date it is invalid.

Dated this.....day of.....193.....

.....

Authorised Officer,

JAMES S. GORDON,
Secretary.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

STANDARDS OF GRADING AND QUALITY.

"C."

Grading.	*Quality.*
For apples of the same variety and of a reasonably uniform shape. The diameter of any apple shall not be less than $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches.	Apples shall be free from such blemishes or mechanical injuries as are calculated to impair their keeping qualities. Skin blemishes shall not exceed a total area of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch square on any one apple.

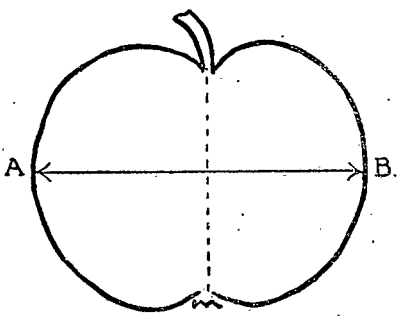
"F"

Grading.	*Quality.*
For apples of the same variety and of a shape and colour normally found in that variety. The diameter of any apple in this grade shall not be less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches.	Apples shall be free from such blemishes or mechanical injuries as are calculated to impair their keeping qualities. Skin blemishes shall not exceed a total area of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch square on any one apple.

"E.F."

Grading.	*Quality.*
For apples of the same variety and of a shape and colour normally found in that variety. The diameter of any apple in this grade shall not be less than $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches.	Apples shall be free from such blemishes or mechanical injuries as are calculated to impair their keeping qualities. The skin to be free from blemishes other than those characteristic of the variety.

N.B.—The diameter as referred to above means the longest transverse dimension taken at right angles to a line running from the eye (blossom) to the stem as shown in the following illustration :—



Tolerance to be allowed in above standards.

In order to allow for variations incidental to grading and handling not more than five per cent. by count of any one lot of fruit of any grade may be below the specified minimum size and not more than five per cent. may be below the requirements of the standard of quality.

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

I. METHODS OF PACKING.

(1) Apples packed in any container shall be so packed that any fruit exposed to view, or which would be exposed to view if the container were opened in the ordinary manner, fairly represents in size, maturity, condition and variety the entire contents of the container.

(2) *British Standard Apple Box and Half Bushel Box.*

(*a*) The sides and ends of the box shall be lined with paper or corrugated cardboard. A sheet of corrugated cardboard shall be placed, smooth side next the fruit, below the bottom layer and another sheet above the top layer of apples.

(*b*) The apples shall be packed in the manner known to the trade as "the diagonal pack" and shall have sufficient bulge on the top and bottom of the box so that when the lid is nailed down the apples are held firmly in position.

(3) *Box "X" (containing about 70 lb.).*

(*a*) The sides and ends of the box shall be lined with paper or corrugated cardboard. A sheet of corrugated cardboard shall be placed, smooth side next the fruit, below the bottom layer and another sheet above the top layer of apples.

(*b*) The apples shall be firmly packed in the box and shall have sufficient bulge on the top and bottom of the box so that when the lid is nailed down the apples are held firmly in position.

(4) *Barrel and Half-barrel.*

(*a*) *Wooden-headed barrel.*

A single disc of corrugated cardboard, smooth side to the fruit, or a single sheet of paper shall be placed below the bottom layer and one above the top layer of apples in the barrel. The first two layers of apples placed in the barrel shall be packed by hand in the manner known to the trade as "ringed in." The remainder of the apples shall be firmly packed so that when the head of the barrel is fixed all the fruit will be securely held in position.

(*b*) *Open headed barrel.*

The apples shall be packed firmly in the barrel. A single disc of corrugated cardboard, smooth side to the fruit, or a sheet of paper shall be placed below the bottom layer. When the barrel has been filled up to at least six inches of the top the inside shall be lined with paper which shall be folded over the rim of the barrel. When the barrel has been filled the overlapping paper shall be used to cover the top of the apples. A layer of wood-wool of sufficient thickness shall be placed on top of this paper to ensure that the cover with which the apples in the barrel shall be secured shall not damage the apples. Alternatively clean, dry hay or straw or other material that will not taint the fruit may be used provided it is secured in such manner as not to damage the apples.

II. PACKAGES AND PACKING MATERIAL.

1. Apples shall be packed in any of the following containers, specifications for the construction of which are given below:—

(1) British Standard Apple Box for 38 to 45 lb.
(2) Half-bushel Box for 19 to 22 lb.
(3) Box "X" (containing about 70 lb.).
(4) Barrel for 126 to 140 lb.
(5) Half-barrel for 56 to 62 lb.

2. No packing materials other than those specified in the preceding section (I. Methods of packing), may be used.

3. All packages and packing materials shall be clean and free from odours likely to affect the flavour of the apples.

Specifications for Apple Boxes.

1. "*British Standard Apple Box*":

Internal dimensions		18 in. x 11½ in. x 10½ in.
Ends	.. 2 pieces	11½ in. x 10½ in. x 11/16 in.
Sides	.. 4 ,,	19½ in. x 5 in. x 5/16 in.
Top and bottom	.. 4 ,,	19½ in. x 5½ in. x 3/16 in.
Cleats	.. 4 ,,	11 in. x ¾ in. x ¼ in.

2. "*Half-bushel Box*":

Internal dimensions 14½ in. x 9 in. x 9 in.

Ends	2 pieces	9 in. x 9 in. x 7/16 in.	
Sides, top and bottom	8 ,,	15⅜ in. x 4½ in. x 3/16 in., or	
	4 ,,	15⅜ in. x 9 in. x 3/16 in.	
Cleats	4 ,,	9 in. x ¾ in. x 3/16 in.	

3. *Box "X":*

Internal dimensions 20 in. x 14 in. x 13 in.

Dimensions of Barrels.

4. "*Apple Barrels*":

Internal dimensions:

Minimum diameter of head	16¾ in.
,, length between heads	26 in.
,, diameter at bulge	18½ in.

5. "*Half Barrels.*"

(*a*) "*Grape Barrels*":

Internal dimensions:

Minimum diameter of head	14½ in
,, length between heads	16½ in.
,, diameter at bulge	16 in.

(*b*) "*Standard* 112 *lb. Butter Cask*":

Internal Dimensions:

Minimum diameter of head	13¼ in.
,, length between heads	19½ in.
,, diameter at bulge	15¾ in.

III. MARKING.

Each box shall be indelibly marked on one outside end or on a label firmly attached to one outside end and each barrel shall be marked on the side or head or on a label firmly attached thereto with:—

(*a*) the number of licence or permit;
(*b*) the variety;
(*c*) description "C," "F," or "E.F."

FIFTH SCHEDULE (A).

M.F.3.

GRADED FRUIT.

APPLICATION BY GROWER FOR PERMIT TO SEND GRADED FRUIT TO GREAT BRITAIN OR THE ISLE OF MAN UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

I hereby apply for a Permit to send to Great Britain or the Isle of Man fruit grown and consigned by myself.

Signature of Applicant.....

Full Postal Address.....

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.....

Date.....

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

M.F.3.(A.).

FIFTH SCHEDULE (B.).

UNGRADED FRUIT.

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO SEND UNGRADED FRUIT TO GREAT BRITAIN OR THE ISLE OF MAN UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

I hereby apply for a Permit to send to Great Britain or the Isle of Man the consignment of fruit specified hereunder.

Signature of Applicant.....

Full Postal Address.....

.....

.....

Date.....

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

Particulars of Consignment.

Kind of fruit.....

Quantity :.....tons.....cwt. consigned to.....

via the Northern Ireland Port of.....

Is the consignment for manufacturing purposes ?.....

Approximate date of despatch of consignment.....

M.F.4.

SIXTH SCHEDULE (A.).

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

Permit No.....

PERMIT FOR GRADED FRUIT.

M.....of.....

.....

is hereby granted permission to send apples from Northern Ireland. The conditions of this Permit are that each consignment of fruit sent out thereunder shall :—

(1) Consist only of apples grown by himself ;

(2) Be graded, packed, and marked, as laid down for licence-holders in the Third and Fourth Schedules to the Rules made under the Act.

Signed.....
Officer authorised by Ministry.

Date.....

M.F.4a.

SIXTH SCHEDULE (B.).

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

Permit No.....

PERMIT FOR UNGRADED FRUIT.

M.....of.....

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is hereby granted permission to send from Northern Ireland.....tons

.....cwt. of apples consigned to.....

of.....

on the following conditions :—

(1) That each package is clearly and indelibly marked " Ungraded Apples."

(2) That the fruit is being sent only for bottling, canning or other manufacturing purposes.

(3) That the number of the Permit is written on the label attached to each package in the consignment.

Signed.....
Officer authorised by Ministry.

Date.....

This Permit expires on.....

Note.—The provisions of the foregoing Schedules, with the exception of the provisions of Article 1 (1) of the Fourth Schedule which apply to all apples, apply only to apples of cooking varieties, (*e.g.*, " Bramley's Seedling "). No standards are being prescribed for apples of dessert varieties (*e.g.*, " Worcester Pearmain," " Allington Pippin," etc.). Persons wishing to export apples of dessert varieties to Great Britain or the Isle of Man in consignments of more than one-and-a-half hundredweights must make special application to the Ministry.

GAS.

ORDER OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, DATED 3RD JANUARY, 1933, UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE GAS REGULATION ACT, 1920, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 2 OF THE ELECTRICITY AND GAS (EXPENSES) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923, PRESCRIBING THE RATE OF PAYMENT TO THE SAID MINISTRY FOR THE YEAR 1933.

1933. No. 6.

NOTE :—By this Order, which, being of temporary effect, has not been printed at length in this volume, the Ministry of Commerce fixed the rate of payment to the said Ministry for the year 1933 at eleven pence for each million cubic feet of gas sold during the year 1932.