Pig Industry : Grading.

THE PIGS MARKETING (GRADING) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1936, DATED 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1936, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 7 (1) OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING (PIG INDUSTRY) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1934 (25 GEO. 5, CH. 3).

1936. No. 176.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 7 (1) of the Agricultural Marketing (Pig Industry) Act (Northern Ireland), 1934, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, orders and it is hereby ordered as follows :—

Pigs for Curing to be Graded.

1. Dead pigs for curing into bacon shall be graded as specified in the First Schedule to this Order by Veterinary Inspectors duly authorised in that behalf by the Ministry.

PART I.

2. For the purposes of Article 1 of this Order pigs sold alive for curing into bacon of the Wiltshire type of cure shall be marked and the carcases shall be graded in accordance with the following procedure :—

A. *Marking on farm of Origin.*

The producer shall attach with due care in such manner as may be directed an ear tag or ear tags (bearing a serial number) previously supplied to him by the curer to every live pig leaving the producer's premises.

B. *Grading at the Curer's Premises.*

The authorised Veterinary Inspector shall :—

(i) grade the carcase in accordance with the weight classes and quality grades set out in the First Schedule to this Order.

(ii) ensure that a purchase and grading statement as referred to in Article 4 of this Order is made out under his supervision by the curer, and that the correct weight class and quality grade are entered thereon. This statement shall be initialled by the Veterinary Inspector.

PART II.

3. For the purposes of Article 1 of this Order, dead pigs for curing into bacon shall be marked and graded in accordance with the following procedure :—

A. *Marking on the farm of Origin.*

The producer shall :—

(i) attach in such manner as may be directed a carcase card previously supplied to him by the curer to every pig carcase leaving the producer's premises consigned to a curer's establishment or to be delivered to a curer at a market or elsewhere ;

(ii) ensure that each such carcase card contains the following information :—

(*a*) a serial number ;

(*b*) the name and address of the curer to whom the carcase is consigned or delivered as aforesaid ;

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

(*d*) the date and place of delivery, together with any instructions as to route ;

(*e*) the number of carcases in the consignment ;

(*f*) whether payment is desired by cash or by cheque.

B. *Marking at a Market.*

The authorised weighmaster, where a carcase is delivered to a curer at a market, having weighed the carcase shall mark the dead weight of the carcase on the carcase card and make out in triplicate a numbered weigh ticket signed and dated by himself and containing the following particulars :—

(i) the name of the market ;

(ii) the name of the curer ;

(iii) the name and address of the producer ;

(iv) the serial number of the carcase card ;

(v) the dead weight of the carcase.

The weighmaster shall dispose of the three copies of the weigh ticket as follows :—

(1) Copy to be handed to the producer ;

(2) Copy to be handed to the curer ;

(3) Copy to be retained by the weighmaster.

The curer shall see that the curer's copy of the weigh ticket either accompanies the carcase to the curer's premises or is delivered to those premises without avoidable delay.

In the case of pigs delivered or consigned direct to the curer's establishment the curer shall deliver to the producer a receipt showing the serial number of each carcase card and the dead weight of each carcase.

Where payment is made otherwise than by post the producer shall hand the weigh ticket or the curer's delivery receipt to the curer at the time of payment.

C. *Grading at the Curer's Premises.*

The authorised Veterinary Inspector shall :—

(i) grade the carcase at the premises of the curer in accordance with the weight classes and grades set out in the First Schedule to this Order ;

(ii) remove the carcase card immediately the carcase has been split and the required measurements taken ;

(iii) enter the weight class and quality grade on the carcase card, initial it, and then pass the card on to the curer.

Each carcase card shall be retained by the curer for one month after the grading of the carcase.

PART III.

General.

4. The curer shall make out a purchase and grading statement for all pigs or pig carcases delivered to him irrespective of weight class or quality grade showing :—

(*a*) the name and address of the curer ;

(*b*) the name and address of the producer ;

(*c*) date of delivery ;

(*d*) the serial number of the carcase card or ear tag number ;

(*e*) the dead weight ;

(*f*) weight class and quality grade ;

(*g*) price per dead cwt. and value of each pig ;

(*h*) total value of the consignment ;

(*i*) authorised deductions ;

(*j*) nett payment.

In the case of statements furnished in respect of pigs delivered by producers under direct contract the contract number should be inserted by the curer on the purchase and grading statement. The statement should also indicate any carcases which should have been delivered in the previous month and which under terms of contract are regarded as deliveries in respect of that month.

In the event of a deduction being made in respect of damage to a carcase the nature of the damage should be indicated on the purchase and grading statement. A copy of the Veterinary Inspector's certificate as to the damage should be attached to the statement to be sent to the Ministry. One copy of the purchase and grading statement shall be delivered to the producer at the time payment is made one copy shall at the end of the week be sent to the Ministry or such other person as the Ministry may direct and one copy shall be retained by the curer.

Interpretation.

5. "Curer" includes "Curer's Agent."

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

"Veterinary Inspector" means a Veterinary Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

"Bacon" includes Hams.

Revocation of Order.

6. The Order described in the Second Schedule to this Order is hereby revoked as from the date of the commencement of this Order.

Short Title.

7. This Order may be cited as the Pigs Marketing (Grading) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1936.

Commencement.

8. This Order shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1937.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland, is hereunto affixed this thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-six.

(L.S.) *J. Taylor,*
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

DEAD WEIGHT CLASSES AND QUALITY GRADES.

PART I.

Dead Weight Classes.	Quality Grades.		
	1.	2.	3.
I. Under 1 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb.	Maximum back fat 1 3/16 ins.	Maximum back fat 1 7/16 ins.	All other pigs suitable for Bacon.
II. 1 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb. to 1 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.	Maximum shoulder fat 2 ins. Maximum loin fat 1 3/16 ins.	Maximum shoulder fat 2¼ ins. Maximum loin fat 1 7/16 ins.	

PART II.

Dead Weight Classes.	Quality Grades. (Maximum thickness of back fat at shoulder.)				
	A.	B.	C.	U.L.	U.F.
III. 1 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. to 1 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.	From 1¼″ to 1⅝″	From 2″ to 2⅛″	From 2¼″ to 2½″	Under Grade A measurements.	Over Grade C measurements.
IV. 1 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. to 1 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.	From 1⅜″ to 2″	From 2⅛″ to 2¼″	From 2⅜″ to 2½″		
V. 1 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. to 2 cwt. 0 qr. 0 lb.	From 1½″ to 2⅜″	From 2¼″ to 2½″	From 2⅝″ to 2¾″		
VI. 2 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb. to 2 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lb.	From 1⅝″ to 2⅜″	From 2¼″ to 2⅝″	From 2¾″ to 2⅞″		

PART III.

(1) *Grading for Part I.*

Quality Grades :

(*a*) If the measurement at the centre of the back qualifies for a particular grade and one of the other measurements also qualifies for that grade, the pig shall be accepted for the grade for which the back fat measurement qualifies.

(*b*) Every pig shall be graded and every pig when graded shall be deemed to be within the highest grade applicable to its measurements. No pig whose back fat is less than ¾ inch shall be eligible for grade 1 or 2.

(*c*) No pig which after slaughter is certified by the authorised Veterinary Inspector as unsuitable for the manufacture of Wiltshire bacon for one or more of the following reasons :—

(i) has not firm white fat, or
(ii) shows fishy flavour or seedy cut, or
(iii) was not castrated within 12 weeks after birth, or
(iv) is a rig pig, sow or pregnant pig, or
(v) is a female pig that is not a maiden gilt, or
(vi) is an emaciated or "screw" pig,

shall be eligible for Grades 1, 2 or 3 :

Provided that, if the authorised Veterinary Inspector has any doubt whether any pig should be certified as ineligible for Grade 1, 2 or 3 by reason of any of the above defects, he may delay his decision for not more than fourteen days and require the curer to identify and put into cure the carcase of such pig or any part thereof and the curer shall upon demand exhibit any bacon produced from such pig for inspection and final decision by any authorised Veterinary Inspector or other authorised officer of the Ministry at any reasonable time within fourteen days of slaughter.

The curer shall further permit any authorised Veterinary Inspector or other authorised officer of the Ministry to take samples from such carcases or any bacon produced therefrom for chemical or other analysis.

Grade Measurements :

(*a*) All measurements shall be taken with the standard pattern gauges authorised by the Ministry. All measurements shall be taken on the dressed carcase of the pig after splitting.

(*b*) If any doubt or dispute shall arise as regards any measurement taken before the animal heat has departed it shall be retaken not less than one hour and not later than noon on the day following slaughter.

(*c*) The shoulder fat measurement shall be taken at the fattest point of the shoulder. The back fat measurement shall be taken in the middle of the back above the point of the loin steak. The loin fat measurement shall be taken at the point in the back immediately above the commencement of the tail bone.

Weighing of Pig Carcases :

(*a*) The expression " dead weight " means the weight taken at least one hour after slaughter of the dressed carcase including the head with tongue, kidneys, tender-loins, flock or flare, tail, backbone and feet.

(*b*) All pig carcases shall be weighed before noon on the day following slaughter, but if any pig carcase is weighed within one hour from slaughter the scale for shrinkage from hot to dead weight shall be :—

Hot Weight.	*Shrinkage.*
Under 1 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.	3 lb.
From 1 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. to 1 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.	4 lb.
From 1 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. to 1 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.	5 lb.
Over 1 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.	6 lb.

(*c*) The dead weight of each pig carcase shall be certified by the authorised Veterinary Inspector. In certifying such dead weight the authorised Veterinary Inspector shall be satisfied that the pig carcase has not been subjected to unnecessary dessication.

(2) *Grading for Part II.*

Grade Measurements :

All measurements shall be taken to the nearest $\frac{1}{8}$th of an inch by means of an instrument approved by the Ministry. The range of shoulder fat measurements shall be inclusive in all cases.

Weights for Grading :

For grading purposes the dead weight of the pig shall be deemed to be the dead weight marked on the carcase card attached to the carcase by any authorised weighmaster of a Market Authority. In the case of pigs going direct to a curer's store, or insufficiently marked, the curer shall be responsible for marking the dead weight and weight class on the carcase card.

Provided that if the authorised Veterinary Inspector is in any doubt about the correctness of the dead weight or weight class marked on the carcase or the carcase card, he shall check the dead weight of the carcase.

Ungraded Pigs :

(*a*) All dead pigs sold and delivered as dead pig carcases which weight more than 2 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lb. ;

(*b*) Wholly or mainly black pigs, boars, rigs or stags and sucked sows ; pigs visibly diagnosable as diseased before despatch by the producer and subsequently condemned ; emaciated or screw pigs, smelling pigs with definite indications of putrefaction, pig carcases badly abused or damaged before being handed over by the producer to the curer.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

ORDER REVOKED.

Statutory Rules and Orders No.	Date.	Short Title.
153	21st December, 1935.	The Pigs Marketing (Grading) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1935.

Pig Industry : Pig Industry Council.

THE PIG INDUSTRY COUNCIL (ELECTION OF MEMBERS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936, DATED THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1936, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION TWELVE OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING (PIG INDUSTRY) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1934 (25 GEO. 5, CH. 3).

1936. No. 31.

WHEREAS by section four of the Agricultural Marketing (Pig Industry) Act (Northern Ireland), 1934, (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") it is provided *inter alia* that the Pig Industry Council for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") shall consist of the following persons :—

Three members appointed by the Minister of Agriculture, of whom such one as the said Minister may designate shall be Chairman of the Council ;

Three members appointed or elected as follows :—

(*a*) If a bacon marketing scheme is in force, appointed by the bacon marketing board to represent licensed bacon-curers ;

(*b*) If no bacon marketing scheme is in force, elected, in accordance with the prescribed regulations, by licensed bacon-curers ;

Three members appointed or elected as follows :—

(*a*) If a pigs marketing scheme is in force, appointed by the pigs marketing board to represent pig producers ;

(*b*) If no pigs marketing scheme is in force, elected, in accordance with the prescribed regulations, by pig producers ;

And whereas the Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland has ordered and determined that the members of the Council appointed by the Bacon Marketing Board and by the Pigs Marketing Board on the 31st December, 1934, and the 15th January, 1935, respectively, shall hold office until the 31st day of May, 1936, but shall be eligible for re-appointment :

And whereas the Bacon Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1933, ceased to have effect on the 30th day of September, 1935, and no bacon marketing scheme is now in force :

And whereas it is provided by section twelve of the Act that the Ministry of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") may make regulations prescribing anything which is to be prescribed :

Now, therefore, the Ministry, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the said section of the Act, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations for the election of members to the Council by licensed bacon-curers, that is to say :—

Short Title and Interpretation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Pig Industry Council (Election of Members) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1936.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889 (a), as applied to Northern Ireland by the Interpretation Act, 1921 (b), shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations, as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Election of Members by Licensed Bacon-Curers.

3.—(1) The members of the Council elected by licensed bacon-curers shall be elected by bacon-curers licensed as at the first day of January in the year in which an election is to be held. For the purpose of each election the Ministry shall allot to each such licensed bacon-curer a number of votes equivalent to the number of pigs put into cure by such bacon-curer during the twelve months ending 31st December preceding the year in which the election is to be held.

(2) Any question relating to the number of votes to which a licensed bacon-curer is entitled shall be determined by the Ministry and such determination shall be final.

(3) A voter shall vote for not more candidates for election than there are vacancies to be filled and shall give to each candidate for whom he votes the number of votes which has been allotted to him by the Ministry.

(a) 52-3 V., c. 63. (b) 12 Geo. V., c. 4 (N.I.)

Biennial Elections.

4.—(1) An election of members of the Council by licensed bacon-curers shall be held in the year 1936, and in every second calendar year thereafter.

(2) Every election of members by licensed bacon-curers held in pursuance of paragraph (1) of this Article shall be held not later than the thirty-first day of May, and the last day for the receipt of nominations shall be such day as shall be appointed by the Ministry for the purpose. The other proceedings in connection with the election shall be taken not later than the times mentioned in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

Elections to fill casual vacancies.

5. In the event of a casual vacancy for a member of the Council elected by licensed bacon-curers occurring by death, resignation or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled in the following manner :—

Not more than ten days after notice in writing of the vacancy shall have been given to the Ministry by the Secretary of the Council, the Ministry shall proceed to hold an election to fill the vacancy and shall appoint a day as the last day for the receipt of nominations. The other proceedings in connection with the filling of the vacancy shall be taken not later than the times mentioned in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

Arrangements for Election of Members by Licensed Bacon-Curers.

6. The Ministry shall, not later than the last day for the giving of notice of the holding of an election, give public notice that an election is about to be held, and such notice shall include a statement of the day appointed as the last day for the receipt of nominations, the number of vacancies to be filled, and the manner in which nomination papers may be obtained.

7. Each candidate for election shall be nominated in writing, and the nomination paper shall be in the form prescribed in the Second Schedule to these Regulations, or in a form to the like effect. The nomination paper, which shall be signed by two persons as proposer and seconder, and by at least eight other persons as assenting to the nomination, shall be sent by registered post to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Stormont, Belfast, so as to arrive not later than the day appointed as the last day for the receipt of nominations. The proposer and seconder, and the assentors to the nomination of a candidate for election shall be licensed bacon-curers.

8.—(1) As soon as possible after the day appointed as the last day for the receipt of nominations, the Ministry shall publish the names and addresses of the candidates who have been duly nominated, together with a statement of the last day for the withdrawal of candidates and of the manner in which such withdrawal may be made.

(2) Any candidate may withdraw his candidature by sending by registered post to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Stormont, Belfast, not later than the day appointed as the last day for the withdrawal of candidates, a notice in writing of such withdrawal signed by him.

9. If the number of candidates who receive valid nominations for election, and who do not withdraw their candidature under Article eight of these Regulations, is, in any case, equal to, or less than, the number of persons to be elected, such candidate or candidates shall be declared to be elected.

10.—(1) If the number of candidates who receive valid nominations for election, and who do not withdraw their candidature under Article eight of these Regulations, exceeds the number of persons to be elected, an election shall be held by post in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

(2) Where an election is required to be held under paragraph (1) of this Article, the Ministry shall, not later than the last day for the issue of voting papers, cause a voting paper to be sent to every person entitled to vote at the election, and every voting paper shall contain a statement of the number of votes to which the voter is entitled and of the last day for the receipt of voting papers.

(3) Only such of the said voting papers as are properly completed and as reach the Ministry on or before the last day for the receipt of voting papers shall be taken into account for the purpose of the election.

(4) The candidate, or where more than one vacancy is to be filled, the candidates, to whom is given the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

(5) If an equality of votes is found to exist between any candidates, and the addition of a vote would entitle any of such candidates to be declared elected, the Ministry shall, in the presence of the candidates or of persons (if any) nominated by them for the purpose, determine by lot which of the candidates whose votes are equal shall be elected.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland is hereunto affixed this first day of April, Nineteen hundred and thirty-six, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. Taylor,*
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Times for Proceedings at Elections of Members of the Pig Industry Council for Northern Ireland by Licensed Bacon-Curers.

Proceeding.	Time.
1. Last day for the giving of Notice of an Election.	Fourteen clear days before the day appointed as the last day for the receipt of nominations.
2. Last day for withdrawal of candidates.	Four clear days after the day appointed as the last day for the receipt of nominations.
3. Last day for the issue of voting papers.	Ten clear days after the day appointed as the last day for the receipt of nominations.
4. Last day for the receipt of voting papers.	Seventeen clear days after the day appointed as the last day for the receipt of nominations.

NOTE.—If any of the dates in the above Table falls on a Sunday, a Bank Holiday or other Public Holiday, the reference to it shall be construed as a reference to the following day.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING (PIG INDUSTRY) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1934.
THE PIG INDUSTRY COUNCIL (ELECTION OF MEMBERS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936.

Form of Nomination Paper for Candidates for Election to the Pig Industry Council for Northern Ireland by Licensed Bacon-Curers.

Name of Candidate.	Full Postal Address of Candidate.

We, the undersigned, being Licensed Bacon-Curers, hereby nominate the above-mentioned person as a candidate for election as a member of the Pig Industry Council for Northern Ireland.

Date,.....

Name in full (in ink).	Address in full (in ink).	As
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