ORDER, DATED 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 1 (3) OF THE MARKETING OF POTATOES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1938 (2 GEO. 6, CH. 25).

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WHEREAS the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") in exercise of its powers under the Marketing of Potatoes Act (Northern Ireland), 1938, has framed a Scheme regulating the marketing of potatoes, as set forth in the Schedule hereto :

AND WHEREAS in pursuance of the provisions of the Schedule to the said Act notice of the framing of the said Scheme and of the period during which objections and representations with respect thereto might be made was given in the *Belfast Gazette* of August 2nd, 1946 :

AND WHEREAS no objections or representations with respect to the said Scheme were made during the said period :

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 1 (3) of the said Act hereby makes the following Order :—

1. The said Scheme as set forth in the Schedule hereto is approved.

2. The said Scheme shall come into force on the 18th October, 1946.

3. This Order may be cited as " The Potato Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Approval) Order, 1946 ".

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry is hereunto affixed this second day of September, nineteen hundred and forty-six, in the presence of

(L.S.) (Signed), *J. Pimlott*,
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

SCHEME FRAMED BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE MARKETING OF POTATOES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1938.

Regulating the Marketing of Potatoes by Holders of Licences under the Marketing of Potatoes Act (Northern Ireland), 1928.

1.—(1) This Scheme applies to all persons authorised by licences under Section 2 of the Marketing of Potatoes Act (Northern Ireland), 1928, to send potatoes to Great Britain (in this Scheme referred to as " licence-holders ").

(2) For the purpose of this Scheme a Class A licence-holder shall be a licence-holder who shipped at least 3 per cent. of the total tonnage of potatoes shipped to Great Britain from Northern Ireland in the previous potato shipping season, and a Class B licence-holder shall be a licence-holder who shipped less than 3 per cent. of such tonnage ; the shipping season shall be the period from 1st September to 31st August.

2.—(1) To administer this Scheme a Potato Marketing Committee (in this Scheme referred to as " the Committee ") shall be appointed and shall be composed of—

(*a*) 4 persons elected by Class A licence-holders and 2 persons elected by Class B licence-holders ;

(*b*) 6 persons appointed by the Executive Committee of the Ulster Farmers Union to represent producers of potatoes, and

(*c*) 2 persons appointed by the Minister of Agriculture.

The persons elected under category (*a*) above must be licence-holders, and a member no longer licensed shall cease automatically to be a member of the Committee and the election shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Schedule hereto.

(2) The Committee shall be first constituted as soon as may be after this Scheme comes into operation, and thereafter the Committee shall be constituted annually in October of each year, commencing with October, 1947. Each newly constituted Committee shall at its first meeting appoint a Chairman and a Deputy Chairman, and 5 members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

(3) A member of the Committee whose term of office expires, or who resigns his office shall be eligible for appointment or election, or co-option under the provisions of paragraph 3.

3. If a member of the Committee belonging to Class A or Class B in category (*a*) of paragraph 2 (1) resigns or ceases to hold office those members of the Committee who belong to the same class in category (*a*) shall co-opt another licence-holder who will hold office until the next election. If any other member of the Committee resigns or ceases to hold office, the appointing authority shall appoint some other person to act in his place, and the person so appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the term.

4. Where any member is absent from more than four consecutive meetings without such cause as in the opinion of the Committee is reasonable, the Committee shall report the fact to the Minister of Agriculture, who may then remove the said member from the Committee and call upon the appointing authority to appoint another person in his place.

5.—(1) The Committee shall meet at such times during each shipping season as may be recommended by the Committee and approved by the Ministry of Agriculture (in this Scheme referred to as " the Ministry "), and shall at such meetings determine the price at, below or above which, the terms on which, and the persons to or through the agency of whom, potatoes or any description or quantity of potatoes may be sold by licence-holders. The results of all such determinations shall be notified in writing to all licence-holders and to the Ministry and posted so as to reach the addressees before the determinations take effect, provided that no such determinations shall be made by the Committee so long as the Ministry of Food regulates prices.

(2) The Minutes of each meeting of the Committee shall be furnished to the Ministry within three days of the meeting.

6. A fund (in this Scheme referred to as " the Fund "), shall be established and administered by the Committee. All moneys received under the provisions of the Scheme by the Committee shall be paid into the Fund. The Committee shall pay out of the Fund all moneys required for the operation of this Scheme and such payments shall be authorised by resolution of the Committee, and shall be made by cheque signed by a member of the Committee duly authorised for this purpose, and by the Secretary thereof.

7. Licence-holders shall pay contributions to the Fund at a rate to be fixed by the Committee and approved by the Ministry, but not exceeding 2d. on each ton of potatoes examined under Section 3 of the Marketing of Potatoes Act (Northern Ireland), 1928, and such contributions shall be collected by the Ministry as part of the fees payable under the aforesaid Section and shall be paid over by the Ministry to the Committee.

8. The Accounts of the Fund shall be made up to the 31st August in each year, and shall be audited by a person appointed by the Ministry. The accounts as so audited shall be presented to the Ministry not later than the 1st October in each year, commencing with the 1st October, 1947.

9. The Committee shall—

(*a*) give advice and assistance to the Ministry as to the marketing of potatoes and the encouragement of research and education in relation thereto;

(*b*) do such other things as may be necessary for giving effect to this Scheme.

SCHEDULE.

1. A candidate for election must be nominated, in writing, by two licence-holders as proposer and seconder, and by two other licence-holders as assenting to the nomination and his nomination shall be sent by registered post to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Stormont, Belfast, so as to arrive not later than the 15th day of September in the year in which the election is to be held.

2. A candidate may withdraw his candidature by sending to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Stormont, Belfast, by registered post, not later than the 19th day of September in the year in which the election is to be held, a notice in writing of such withdrawal signed by him.

3. If the number of candidates who receive valid nominations for election by Class "A" licence-holders or Class "B" licence-holders respectively, and who do not withdraw their candidature under the previous paragraph, is equal to, or less than, the number of persons to be elected by the Class "A" licence-holders or Class "B" licence-holders respectively, such candidates shall be declared to be elected.

4. If the number of candidates who receive valid nominations for election by Class "A" licence-holders or Class "B" licence-holders respectively, and who do not withdraw their candidature under paragraph 2 hereof, exceeds the number of persons to be elected by Class "A" licence-holders or Class "B" licence-holders respectively an election shall be held at a meeting of licence-holders, duly convened by the Ministry at least seven days before the date of the meeting. An officer or officers of the Ministry shall act as tellers at each such election.

5. Each licence-holder may vote only in his respective category, and each Class "A" licence-holder shall have one vote for every complete 1,000 tons of potatoes shipped by him in the preceding shipping season, and each Class "B" licence-holder shall have one vote for every 200 tons of potatoes so shipped, provided that each Class "A" or Class "B" licence-holder shall have at least one vote.

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Compensation for Exported Animals

ORDER, DATED THE 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE EXPORTED ANIMALS (COMPENSATION) ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1928 TO 1938.

1946. No. 208

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as the Ministry), by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in it under the Exported Animals (Compensation) Acts (Northern