SCHEDULE

(Article 2 of Order of 1954 as amended)

2. A person slaughtering any animal for human consumption shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 1(7) of the Slaughter-houses Act (Northern Ireland) 1953 (which declares it to be unlawful for a person to slaughter or cause or permit to be slaughtered for human consumption an animal of any kind except at a slaughter-house duly licensed under the Act or operated by the Ministry) if the circumstances of the slaughter are within any of the provisions hereinafter mentioned, that is to say where—

(*a*) the slaughter is on a farm in Northern Ireland of an animal the property of the owner or occupier of the farm on which the animal is slaughtered for the purpose of its being consumed in the household of such owner or occupier;

(*b*) the slaughter is of any animal under or by virtue of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(a); or

(*c*) the slaughter is of animals whose immediate slaughter becomes necessary or expedient by reason of injury or by reason of infirmity other than disease within the meaning of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958:

Provided that the exemptions specified in paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) shall not apply unless in each case the animal is instantaneously slaughtered or by stunning instantaneously rendered insensible to pain until death supervenes, and such slaughtering or stunning is effected by a person who is at the time the holder of a licence issued by the local authority and is so effected by means of a mechanically operated instrument in proper repair and of a type approved by the local authority.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.*)

This Order amends the Schedule of the Slaughter-houses (Exemption) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1963 by restoring the provision in the Slaughter-houses (Exemption) (Northern Ireland) Order 1954 that the slaughter of an animal on a farm in Northern Ireland for the purposes of its being consumed in the household of such owner or occupier shall be subject to the same conditions as those applicable to the slaughter of any animal under or by virtue of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958.

1963. No. 216 [C]

ATOMIC ENERGY AND RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

The Radioactive Substances (Attachments to Lightning Conductors) Exemption Order (Northern Ireland) 1963

ORDER, DATED 26TH NOVEMBER, 1963, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION 2(6) AND (7) OF THE RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES ACT 1960.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers

(a) 1958. c. 13.

conferred on it by section 2(6) and (7) of the Radioactive Substances Act 1960(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Radioactive Substances (Attachments to Lightning Conductors) Exemption Order (Northern Ireland) 1963, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of December, 1963.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

"the Act" means the Radioactive Substances Act 1960;

"air termination" means a part of a lightning protective system which is a part designed to distribute lightning discharges into, or collect them from, the atmosphere;

"closed source" means a sealed source or a laminated source;

"decay products" means, in relation to any radionuclide, the radionuclides succeeding it in the radioactive series in which it and they occur;

"exempted device" means a device of the description specified in Article 4;

"incorporated source" means a closed source incorporated in an exempted device;

"laminated source" means an article free from patent defect consisting of a layer of coherent radioactive material sandwiched between and securely bonded to layers of coherent, inert and tough material which is not radioactive material;

"lightning protective system" means a system of conductors installed to protect a building from the effects of lightning;

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Health and Local Government; and

"sealed source" means radioactive material sealed in a container (otherwise than solely for the purpose of storage, transport or disposal) or bonded wholly within material, the immediate container or the bonding being of adequate mechanical strength and free from patent defect and not being radioactive material, and includes the immediate container or the bonding.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(b) applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Exemption from registration under section 1 of the Act

3. Any person who, on any premises which are used for the purposes of any undertaking carried on by him, keeps or uses or causes or permits to be kept or used any radioactive material to which this Article applies is hereby granted exemption from registration under section 1 of the Act (which provides for the registration of persons who keep or use radioactive material) in respect of those premises and the keeping and use thereon of that radioactive material, subject to the conditions specified in Article 5.

Description of radioactive material to which exemption relates

4. Article 3 applies to radioactive material consisting of a device which—

(*a*) is fastened to an air termination forming part of a lightning protective system installed on the premises; and

(a) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2, c. 34. (b) 1954, c. 33.

(*b*) is radioactive material solely because it incorporates a closed source or closed sources—

(i) in which, or in all of which taken together, the sum total of millicuries of all the radionuclides (excluding those which are decay products of others present) does not exceed 1; and

(ii) in which, or in each of which, the number of microcuries of each of the decay products of any radionuclide present does not at any time exceed the number of microcuries of that decay product which could be present at that time through radioactive decay occurring in that source.

Conditions of exemption

5. The conditions to which Article 3 refers are, as respects each exempted device,—

(*a*) that the device, the air termination to which it is fastened and the lightning protective system of which that air termination forms part are so constructed, and remain so fastened, connected or installed, that the device, that air termination and the part of that system to which that air termination is connected are unlikely to be dislodged or damaged as the result of storm or tempest;

(*b*) that on and after 31st March, 1964, a permanent and weatherproof notice showing in characters of adequate size, indelibly, distinctly and legibly marked or printed, the symbol specified in Schedule 1 followed by a warning in the terms set out in that Schedule or in terms to the like effect, is kept securely affixed either to the building on which the lightning protective system is installed, as near as is reasonably practicable to the air termination to which the device is fastened, or to the mast or other fitting supporting that air termination and, in either case, in such a position as to be conspicuously visible to, and easily read by, persons outside the building in the vicinity of that air termination;

(*c*) that, unless it was in place immediately before the commencement of this Order, the device bears a permanent and weatherproof marking or label showing in characters of adequate size, indelibly, distinctly and legibly marked or printed the symbol specified in Schedule 2 followed by the particulars mentioned in that Schedule;

(*d*) that no incorporated source is mutilated;

(*e*) that, whenever there are reasonable grounds for believing or suspecting that an incorporated source has been lost or stolen,—

(i) notification to that effect is given forthwith, by the quickest means available, to a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, and in writing to the Ministry as soon as practicable; and

(ii) all reasonably practicable measures are taken forthwith for the purpose of recovering that source;

(*f*) that, whenever there are reasonable grounds for believing or suspecting—

(i) that the immediate container or the bonding forming part of an incorporated source is broken or damaged; or

(ii) that any radioactive material has become detached or has escaped from an incorporated source because of some defect in that source; or

(iii) that the device, the air termination to which it is fastened or the part of the lightning protective system to which that air termination is connected has been dislodged or damaged,

notification to that effect is given forthwith, by the quickest means available, to the Ministry, and (unless the notification so given is in writing) confirmed to it in writing as soon as practicable; and

(*g*) that the name of the occupier of the premises where the device is in place and the address of those premises is notified to the Ministry in writing not later than 8th December, 1963, if the device was in place immediately before the date of commencement of this Order, or, if it is installed on or after that date, within one week from the date upon which it is installed.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government this 26th day of November, 1963.

(L.S.) *Wm. J. Morgan,*
Minister of Health and Local Government.

SCHEDULE 1

The basic ionizing radiation symbol recommended for use by British Standard 3510:1962 issued by the British Standards Institution:

"WARNING—RADIOACTIVITY

[A device] [devices]* containing radioactive material [is] [are]* attached to the air termination[s]* of the lightning protective system on these premises."

*Delete as appropriate.

SCHEDULE 2

The basic ionizing radiation symbol recommended for use by British Standard 3510:1962 issued by the British Standards Institution, the word "radioactive" and the name of, and the sum total of microcuries of, each of the radionuclides (excluding those which are decay products of others present) contained in the closed source or, as the case may be, all the closed sources taken together, incorporated in the device at the time it was installed.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.*)

This Order exempts persons conditionally from registration under section 1 of the Radioactive Substances Act 1960 in respect of the keeping and use of "radioactive material" within the meaning of section 18(1) of that Act consisting of devices fastened to lightning conductors and incorporating closed sources (defined in the Order) possessing limited radioactivity.