SCHEDULE

Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of provisions
Section seven	Dissolution of Dundee School of Economics, and transfer of property, etc.
Section eight in so far as it has not already been brought into force.	Exemption from stamp duty on vesting of property under section six or section seven.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order brings into force on 1st July, 1955 all the provisions of the University of St. Andrews Act, 1953 which have not already been brought into force, i.e. those which relate to the dissolution of the Dundee School of Economics.

VETERINARY SURGEONS

1954 No. 550

The Veterinary Surgeons (Agreement with Republic of Ireland) Order, 1954

Made - - - -	*29th April,* 1954
Laid before Parliament	*4th May,* 1954
Coming into Operation	*15th May,* 1954

At the Court of Saint James, the 29th day of April, 1954

Present,

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.
Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.

Lord Privy Seal
Viscount Swinton
Miss Horsbrugh
Mr. Selwyn Lloyd
Sir Thomas Dugdale
Mr. Hopkinson

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts, 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the twentieth day of November, 1953, to delegate to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and the Earl of Harewood, or any two or more of them, as Counsellors of State, full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval of anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And Whereas by section twenty of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1948(a), it is enacted that for the purpose of giving effect to any Agreement which may be entered into between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Ireland, Her Majesty may by Order in Council make such provision as appears to Her expedient with respect to any of the matters referred to in the said section:

And Whereas Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Ireland have entered into the Agreement set forth in the Schedule to this Order, being an Agreement relating to the matters referred to in the said section:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, and in exercise of the powers conferred by the said section twenty of the said Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1948, do hereby, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on Her Majesty's behalf order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1. The Agreement set forth in the Schedule to this Order is hereby confirmed, and the Veterinary Surgeons Acts, 1881 to 1948, shall have effect subject to the provisions of the said Agreement.

2. The Royal Charters of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons may be modified by supplemental Royal Charters so far as may be necessary to give effect to the said Agreement.

3.—(1) The Privy Council may, on the recommendation of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons pursuant to Article 3 of the said Agreement, by order direct that the holder of a veterinary degree of any university in the Republic of Ireland specified in the order shall be entitled, on application in the manner prescribed by regulations of the Council of the said Royal College and on payment of the fee prescribed as aforesaid, to be registered in the Register of Veterinary Surgeons and to become a member of the said Royal College accordingly.

(2) The Privy Council may, on the recommendation of the Council of the said Royal College pursuant to paragraph (2) of Article 4 of the said Agreement, by order revoke or suspend an order under the last foregoing paragraph of this Article.

(3) An order under the last foregoing paragraph of this Article for the suspension of an order under paragraph (1) of this Article may, on the recommendation of the Council of the said Royal College, be revoked by a subsequent order of the Privy Council, and the said order under paragraph (1) of this Article shall thereupon be deemed to be revived.

4. This Order may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons (Agreement with Republic of Ireland) Order, 1954, and shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of May, 1954.

W. G. Agnew.

SCHEDULE

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND WITH RESPECT TO VETERINARY SURGEONS.

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Ireland:

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 52.

Desiring to make provision for additional members of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons being representatives of the Republic of Ireland and desiring to facilitate the registration in the United Kingdom Register of Veterinary Surgeons of holders of veterinary degrees of certain universities in the Republic of Ireland and their membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons:

Hereby agree as follows:—

1. In this Agreement:—

"the College" means the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons;

"the Council" means the Council of the College;

"the Irish Council" means the Veterinary Council in the Republic of Ireland constituted by the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1931 (No. 36 of 1931);

"the General Register" means the United Kingdom Register of Veterinary Surgeons;

"the Irish Register" means the Register of Veterinary Surgeons for the Republic of Ireland.

2.—(1) The powers and duties of the College to provide for the examination of students attending a veterinary college within the area of jurisdiction of the Irish Council and for their admission to membership of the College and registration in the General Register shall remain in force until terminated in accordance with this Article.

(2) If, at any time after the 7th day of August, 1959, either Government gives notice to the other that it does not desire these powers and duties to remain in force, each Government shall take such steps as may be necessary to terminate the said powers and duties within one year after the giving of such notice.

3. Where a university in the Republic of Ireland grants a veterinary degree in the case of which an order under subsection (1) of section 2 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1952 (No. 18 of 1952), is for the time being in force, and it appears to the Council that the courses of study and examinations leading to the degree are such as sufficiently to guarantee that holders of the degree will have acquired the knowledge and skill needed for the efficient practice of veterinary surgery, the Council may recommend to the Privy Council that the Privy Council should by order direct that any person on whom the degree is conferred during the continuance in force of such order of the Privy Council shall thereby be qualified to be a member of the College, and that any such person shall, on application in such manner, and on payment of such fee, as may be prescribed by regulations of the Council, be registered in the General Register and become a member of the College accordingly.

4.—(1) If, where an order of the Privy Council under Article 3 is in force, it appears to the Council that the courses of study and examinations leading to the degree to which the order relates are no longer such as to justify the continuance in force of the order, the Council may give notice to the university concerned that it appears to the Council as aforesaid, together with such particulars as may be requisite to enable the university to formulate their observations thereon or objections thereto.

(2) The Council shall consider any such observations or objections made by the university concerned within such time, not less than one month from the giving of the said notice, as the Council may determine, and they may if they think fit recommend to the Privy Council that the Privy Council should by order direct the revocation or suspension of the order of the Privy Council under Article 3.

(3) A copy of the said notice and of any observations thereon or objections thereto by the university concerned shall be sent to the Minister for Agriculture of the Republic of Ireland as soon as may be after the expiration of one month from the giving of the notice.

5.—(1) In addition to the members of the Council of the College specified in sections 9 and 12 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1948 (11 and 12 Geo. 6. c. 52),

there shall be such additional members (hereinafter referred to as the representatives of the Republic of Ireland) of the Council as are provided for in this Article.

(2) The representatives of the Republic of Ireland shall consist of:—

(*a*) one member appointed by the Minister for Agriculture of the Republic of Ireland;

(*b*) one member appointed by each university in the Republic of Ireland granting a degree in the case of which an order of the Privy Council under Article 3 is for the time being in force;

(*c*) two elected members.

(3) (*a*) Each of the appointed members shall be appointed to hold office for a period of four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(*b*) The appointing authority may remove an appointed member from office if, in the opinion of the authority, he is unable to perform his duties or if he has been adjudged bankrupt or sequestration of his estate has been awarded or if he has made a composition or arrangement with his creditors or if, in the opinion of the appointing authority, he is otherwise unsuited to continue to discharge his duties.

(*c*) Where an appointed member ceases to hold office otherwise than by effluxion of time, the vacancy shall be filled by the appointment, by the same authority, of a member to fill his place for the remainder of the period for which he had been appointed.

(4) (*a*) The elected members shall be elected in accordance with such provisions as may be made under the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1952. They shall be persons who are for the time being registered in the General Register and members of the Irish Council. Subject to paragraph (*b*), the term of office of an elected member shall be four years. A retiring elected member shall be eligible for re-election.

(*b*) The term of office of the member who, at the first election, receives the fewer votes shall be two years. In the event of the voting being equal, the member whose name has been the shorter time on the Irish Register shall be deemed to have received the fewer votes.

(*c*) An elected member shall cease to hold office if he ceases to be a member of the Irish Council or if he ceases to be registered in the General Register. He may be removed from office for such cause and in such manner as may for the time being be provided by the Charters and statutes governing the College for the removal of elected members of the Council.

(*d*) A casual vacancy amongst the elected members shall be filled in accordance with, and a member filling a casual vacancy shall hold office for the term appointed by, such provisions as may be made under the said Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1952.

(*e*) An elected member shall cease to hold office at the annual general meeting of the Council in the year in which his term of office is due to expire and his successor shall take up office on the same day.

(5) This Article shall take effect on the termination of Clause I of the Agreement scheduled to the Veterinary Surgeons (Agreement with Republic of Ireland) Order, 1949(**a**).

6.—(1) The Council shall have power to appoint persons to visit any university, college or other institution at which are pursued courses of study leading to a degree in the case of which an order of the Privy Council under Article 3 is for the time being in force, and to report upon the courses of study, staffing, accommodation and equipment available for training in veterinary surgery and the other arrangements and facilities for such training.

(a) S.I. 1949/1044 (1949 I, p. 4098).

(2) (*a*) The Council may appoint persons to attend at examinations leading to a degree in the case of which an order of the Privy Council under Article 3 is for the time being in force, and to report to the Council as to the sufficiency of the examinations and as to such other matters relating thereto as the Council may require.

(*b*) Nothing in this paragraph shall authorise a person appointed thereunder to interfere with the conduct of any examination.

(3) The number of persons who may be appointed by the Council for the purpose of this Article shall be not less than three and not more than five, at least one and not more than two of whom shall be selected from a panel nominated by the Irish Council.

(4) On receipt of any report made under this Article:—

(*a*) the Council shall send a copy thereof to the university concerned;

(*b*) the university may within one month of the receipt of the copy make to the Council observations on the report or objections thereto;

(*c*) as soon as may be after the expiration of the said month, the Council shall send a copy of the report and of any observations thereon or objections thereto duly made, together with the Council's comments on the report and on any such observations or objections, to the Privy Council and the Minister for Agriculture of the Republic of Ireland.

(5) Every university granting a degree in the case of which an order of the Privy Council under Article 3 is for the time being in force shall, on a request in writing in that behalf made by the Council, furnish the Council with such information as may be specified in the request as to the courses of study and examinations leading to the degree.

7.—(1) All veterinary graduates of a university in the Republic of Ireland which is the subject of an order of the Privy Council under Article 3 shall be entered first in the Irish Register on application in the prescribed manner and payment of the required fee for such registration.

(2) At the time of applying for entry in the Irish Register, each such graduate shall also, for the purpose of registration in the General Register, forward to the Irish Council, for transmission to the Council, an application for registration in the General Register in such form and accompanied by such fee as may be prescribed by regulations of the Council.

8.—(1) Veterinary surgeons practising solely within the area of jurisdiction of the Irish Council shall pay no annual fee to the Council.

(2) A veterinary surgeon who practises in Ireland both within the area of jurisdiction of the Irish Council and of the Council shall pay his annual fee to the Irish Council or to the Council according to his domicile.

(3) Subject as provided for in paragraphs (2) and (5), a veterinary surgeon who, having paid his annual fee to the Irish Council, practises anywhere outside the area of jurisdiction of the Irish Council shall pay to the Council the required annual fee on the next following date on which such fee falls due.

(4) Subject as provided for in paragraphs (2) and (5), a veterinary surgeon who, having paid his annual fee to the Council, practises within the area of jurisdiction of the Irish Council, shall pay to the Irish Council the required annual fee on the next following date on which such fee falls due.

(5) A veterinary surgeon from either of the following areas, that is to say, the area of jurisdiction of the Council or of the Irish Council, shall not be required to pay an annual fee for short professional visits to the other area, and, where such visit is to the area of jurisdiction of the Irish Council, registration in the Irish Register shall not be required.

(6) A veterinary surgeon who is required to pay his annual fee to the Council under the provisions of this Article shall be subject to the provisions of section twenty-five of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1948.

(7) In this Article the term "veterinary surgeon" means a person for the time being registered in the Irish Register or the General Register; and the term "short professional visits" means professional visits not exceeding seven consecutive days up to a total of fourteen days in any period of twelve months beginning on the first day of April.

(8) This Article shall take effect on the termination of the Agreement scheduled to the Veterinary Surgeons (Agreement with Republic of Ireland) Order, 1949.

9. On the termination of Clause I of the Agreement scheduled to the Veterinary Surgeons (Agreement with Republic of Ireland) Order, 1949:—

(*a*) the said Agreement shall terminate;

(*b*) the following clauses or parts of clauses, that is to say, paragraph (2) of clause 3 and clauses 4 and 6, of the Agreement scheduled to the Veterinary Surgeons (Irish Free State Agreement) Act, 1932 (22 Geo. 5. c. 10) shall terminate.

10. The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Ireland shall, as soon as possible, take such steps as may be necessary under the laws of their respective countries to enable the preceding provisions of this Agreement to be put into operation.

In witness whereof the undersigned, duly authorised for the purpose by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

Done in London in duplicate this 6th day of April, 1954.

SWINTON,
For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

F. H. BOLAND,
For the Government of the Republic of Ireland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order is made under section 20 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1948, to give effect to an Agreement recently signed between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the Irish Republic making provision for additional members of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, being representatives of the Irish Republic, and for facilitating the registration in the United Kingdom Register of Veterinary Surgeons of holders of veterinary degrees of certain Universities in the Irish Republic, and their membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons; and for matters supplemental to or consequential on those matters.