(*b*) may be revoked by the Minister at any time either generally or in relation to any particular produce.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this sixth day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

(L.S.) *Tom Dugdale,*
Minister.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order suspends, as regards potatoes planted in England or Wales, other than in the Protected Areas referred to in the Wart Disease of Potatoes Order of 1941, a requirement of that Order that such potatoes must be the subject of a certificate of purity and health.

1953 No. 1366

The Wart Disease of Potatoes (Protected Area) (General Licence) Order, 1953

Made - - - -	*6th September,* 1953
Laid before Parliament	*10th September,* 1953
Coming into Operation	*21st September,* 1953

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him by Section 2 of the Destructive Insects Act, 1877(**a**), as amended by Section 1 of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1907(**b**) and Section 1 of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1927(**c**) respectively, and of every other power enabling him in this behalf, orders as follows:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Wart Disease of Potatoes (Protected Area) (General Licence) Order, 1953, and shall come into operation on the 21st day of September, 1953.

Interpretation

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

"approved immune variety" means a variety approved for the time being by the Minister as being immune from Wart Disease.

"Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

"principal Order" means the Wart Disease of Potatoes Order of 1941(**d**).

(a) 40 & 41 Vict. c. 68. (b) 7 Edw. 7. c. 4. (c) 17 & 18 Geo. 5. c. 32.
(d) S.R. & O. 1941/1439; Rev. V, p. 769; 1941 I, p. 216.

" Protected Area " means the area described in the First Schedule to the principal Order or any other area in England or Wales which is for the time being certified by the Minister to be a Protected Area for the purposes of that Order.

" Wart Disease " means the disease affecting potatoes which is caused by *Synchytrium endobioticum* and known as Wart Disease of Potatoes or Black Scab or Cauliflower disease.

Relaxation of Principal Order

3. In pursuance of Article 14 of the principal Order the Minister hereby authorises the planting or sale for planting within a Protected Area in the year 1954 of any potatoes grown within that Protected Area in the year 1953 which are of the class " Uncertified (English once-grown) " as defined in the Seeds (Amendment) Regulations, 1944(a); that is to say, seed potatoes obtained from crops grown in that Protected Area, which crops were not certified under the scheme for the inspection of growing crops of potatoes authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries but were grown from seed potatoes of one or other of the classes " Certified (Scotch) ", " Certified (Northern Ireland) ", " Certified (Eire) ", " Certified (English) ", " Certified (Welsh) " and " Certified (Isle of Man) " defined in paragraph 2 (1) (*a*) of the said Seeds (Amendment) Regulations, 1944, produced in the year 1952. Provided that no such potatoes may be planted in land on which Wart Disease has occurred at any time unless they are of an approved immune variety.

Operation and Revocation

4. This Order:—

(*a*) shall not operate to relieve any person from any other obligation imposed by the principal Order or from any other Order of the Minister for the time being in force;

(*b*) may be revoked by the Minister at any time either generally or in relation to any particular produce.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this sixth day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

(L.S.) *Tom Dugdale,*
Minister.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order relaxes for the year 1954 the requirements of the Wart Disease of Potatoes Order of 1941 by authorising the planting or sale for planting in certain areas in England of seed potatoes obtained from crops which were not themselves the subject of a prescribed certificate but were grown in those areas in the previous year from certified stocks.

(a) S.R. & O. 1944/926; Rev. XX, p. 648; 1944 I, p. 907.