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MARKETING OF MILK PRODUCTS

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The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 15 of the Marketing of Milk Products Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 as amended by the Milk (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1963(a) and Section 18 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(b), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations with the concurrence of the Ministry of Health and Social Services in so far as they relate to buttermilk:—

PART 1

Short Title and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Marketing of Milk Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966 and shall, save as is provided in Regulation 37(8) and in paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 4, come into operation on the 1st day of January 1967.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture;

"dried milk" means milk, partly skimmed milk or skimmed milk which has been concentrated to the form of powder or solid by the removal of water;

"raw milk" means milk which has not been subjected to any form of treatment by heat;

"received", in so far as it is referred to in Part 5, includes examining the milk, transferring the milk from the producer's cans to the purchaser's receptacles and weighing the milk.

(a) 1963. c. 11 (N.I.). (b) 1965. c. 3 (N.I.).

PART 2

LICENCES

Applications for Licences

3.—(1) Every application for a licence shall be made to the Ministry in the form prescribed in Schedule 1.

(2) (*a*) The fee payable in respect of the issue or renewal of a licence solely for the manufacture of dairy ice-cream shall be £1.

(*b*) The fee payable in respect of the issue or renewal of any other licence shall be £10.

Conditions

4. A licence shall be issued and held subject to compliance by the licence-holder with these Regulations so far as they are applicable to him.

PART 3

REGISTRATION OF PREMISES

Application

5. Application for the registration of premises shall be made to the Ministry in the form prescribed in Schedule 2.

Conditions

6. Premises shall be registered if they comply with the conditions of this Part, and the registration thereof may be cancelled if at any time the premises cease so to comply or if the owner or occupier thereof fails to comply with any of the provisions of these Regulations so far as they are applicable to him.

Premises

7.—(1) All registered premises shall conform to the requirements set out in Schedule 3 and shall in addition fulfil the requirements of this Regulation.

(2) The premises shall be divided into such separate rooms as are considered reasonable to prevent the exposure to any source of contamination of any milk or milk product.

In particular, and where applicable, there shall be provided:—

(*a*) a separate room for the storage of materials or ingredients used in the manufacture, or for the packing, of milk products;

(*b*) accommodation, for the reception of milk and skimmed milk in cans and the washing of cans, which shall not communicate with any room where milk is processed or milk products are manufactured or handled, except by door, window or other opening necessary for the conveyance of the milk so received to such processing or manufacturing room.

(3) A licence-holder shall also provide and maintain in or within reasonable distance of the premises, clean and serviceable cloakroom and lavatory accommodation sufficient for the number of persons engaged on the premises.

(4) The premises shall not, except with the written permission of the Ministry and in accordance with any conditions attached thereto, be used for any purposes other than:—

(*a*) the purposes for which the premises are registered, or

(*b*) the manufacture of any product of which milk is a main ingredient.

Machinery, Equipment, Utensils and Containers

8.—(1) The surfaces of any machinery, equipment, utensils or containers with which milk or any milk product is liable to be in contact shall be so constructed, finished and maintained as to enable them to be readily cleaned in the manner prescribed in these Regulations. The said surfaces shall be free from rust or other corrosion and be of such materials that they will not have any injurious effect on the milk or milk product. They shall be accessible for visual examination provided that the Ministry may approve plant or parts of plant not so accessible if it is satisfied that a test for cleanliness can be carried out.

(2) All fixed machinery and equipment shall be so constructed and placed as to secure the protection of any surface thereof with which milk or a milk product is liable to be in contact, or of the milk or the milk product, from contamination by dust or otherwise. It shall further be so constructed as to create no dead ends or pockets from which milk, milk product or cleansing fluids cannot be readily removed.

(3) Any opening in any milk tanker or vessel (other than a bottle or carton) used for the storage or transport of milk, skimmed milk, buttermilk or cream shall be so constructed and closed as to prevent access to the milk, skimmed milk, buttermilk or cream, of dirt, dust or other extraneous material or rain water or the return to the interior of the tanker or vessel of any milk, skimmed milk, buttermilk or cream which may have been splashed on the outer surface. Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to the receiving, weighing and balance tanks on premises registered for the purpose of receiving milk whether from farms or other receiving stations where the Ministry is satisfied that the milk is otherwise adequately protected.

The Ministry may grant to the owner of premises registered on the day on which these Regulations were made, authority to continue to use such raw milk storage tanks, not conforming to the requirements of this paragraph, as were on the said registered premises on the said day, and for such time as may be specified in the authority.

Water Supplies

9.—(1) All registered premises shall be provided with a supply of water suitable and sufficient and at such points as will enable the requirements of these Regulations to be expeditiously observed. The said water shall be clean and free from pollution and shall be protected against contamination.

(2) Water which does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (1) shall not be:—

(*a*) supplied on tap within any part of the premises where milk or milk products are handled; or

(*b*) used for the cleaning of the interior of the premises or for the rinsing, washing or sterilising of any machinery, equipment or utensils with which milk or milk products may come into contact; or

(*c*) used in any process connected with the handling of milk or milk products in such manner as might, in the opinion of the Ministry, cause them to be contaminated.

(3) Every vessel used for the storage of water shall be emptied and cleaned as often as is necessary to prevent pollution of the water.