EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations, made under Section 1 of the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1959, prohibit an employer of a worker employed in agriculture from causing or permitting such a worker to work at a stationary machine except in accordance with prescribed requirements. These requirements mainly concern the guarding or situating of specified components (such as shafting, pulleys, flywheels, etc.) so as to protect workers from coming in contact with them, either directly or by means of their clothes. In addition they require the proper maintenance of guards and belts, adequate lighting and that all stationary machines (including prime movers) shall be fitted with a device by means of which they may quickly be stopped.

The regulations prohibit the sale of new stationary machines or the hire of any stationary machines, which do not comply with the requirements.

Workers are required to keep guards in position and to make full use of them. They are also required to report damaged guards to their employers.

The regulations extend to all machines designed or adapted for stationary use only.

There is provision for the Ministry to grant certificates of exemption in suitable cases.

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FISHERY DEVELOPMENT LOANS

SCHEME, DATED 11TH JULY 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE DEVELOPMENT LOANS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1945.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 3 of the Development Loans Act (Northern Ireland) 1945(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Scheme:

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Fishery Development Loans Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1966.

2. The Fishery Development Loans Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1953(**b**) are hereby revoked.

3. (*a*) The Ministry of Agriculture may make loans for the purposes, to the persons, and in accordance with the conditions prescribed in the Schedule.

(*b*) A loan exceeding £3,000 shall not be made without the special approval of the Ministry of Finance.

(**a**) 1945. c. 20. (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953, No. 140.