Section nine of the Milk Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, and of any other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say:

Short Title and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Milk (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1962, and shall come into effect on the first day of January, 1963.

Interpretation

2. "herd" has the meaning assigned to it by the Brucellosis Order (Northern Ireland), 1962(**a**).

Revocation

3. The Milk (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1959(**b**), are hereby revoked as from the commencement of this Regulation.

Control of Brucellosis

4. The Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951(**c**), shall be amended as follows:

For Regulation 22 thereof the following Regulation shall be substituted:

"**22.** All the milk produced for sale by a Grade A (T.T.) licence holder, from a herd in respect of which no valid Brucellosis Certificate issued by the Ministry in accordance with the Brucellosis Order (Northern Ireland), 1962, is in existence, shall be sent for pasteurisation."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 7th day of December, nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

(L.S.) *W. A. V. Sanderson,*
Assistant Secretary.

1962. No. 225 **[NC]**

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Brucellosis

ORDER, DATED 7TH DECEMBER, 1962, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1958(**d**).

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section fifty-three of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland), 1958, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order which may be cited as the Brucellosis Order (Northern Ireland), 1962, shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1963.

(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962, No. 225.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1959, No. 68.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 189.
(**d**) 1958. c. 13.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"animal" means a bovine animal;

"herd" means one or more animals in the same ownership;

"approved disinfectant" means a five per cent. solution of standard phenol or any other disinfectant approved by the Ministry for the purposes of the Animals Disinfection (Northern Ireland) Order, 1927, Amendment Order, 1931(a);

"Brucellosis (Certified) Herd" means a herd of which particulars are currently entered in the Brucellosis Register kept by the Ministry;

"Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd" means a herd, not being a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd, in respect of which an application for registration in the Brucellosis Register has been made, and which is the subject of official tests for the presence of brucella infection;

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture;

"reactor" means an animal which has given such reaction to a brucellosis test as shall give the Ministry reason to believe that the animal is infected with brucellosis.

Application for registration of a herd in the Brucellosis Register

3.—(1) Where an owner of a herd—

(*a*) applies to the Ministry for the registration of his herd in the Brucellosis Register;

(*b*) produces prima facie evidence of the herd's freedom from brucellosis; and

(*c*) gives a written undertaking to the Ministry that he will observe the obligations imposed on him by this Order,

the Ministry may, if it is satisfied that the management of the herd and the conditions under which the herd is kept are suitable for the maintenance of a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd, carry out the official tests hereinafter described.

(2) Prima facie evidence of the herd's freedom from brucellosis shall be a certificate of a veterinary surgeon or veterinary inspector to the effect that all animals in calf, all female animals aged 18 months or more, and all bulls aged one year or more were tested for the presence of brucella infection within the eight weeks immediately prior to the date on which such application was received by the Ministry and that no such animal was found to be a reactor.

(3) For the purpose of paragraph (2), tests shall be by means of samples taken by the veterinary surgeon or veterinary inspector from each animal, from as many of the following sources as may be required—

Females—blood, milk and vaginal mucus.
Males —blood and semen.

Such samples shall be sent for testing to the Veterinary Research Laboratory of the Ministry or other laboratory approved by the Ministry.

Official tests

4.—(1) An official test for the presence of brucella infection shall consist of a test carried out by the Ministry on all or any animals in the herd, in respect of female animals, on samples of blood and/or milk and/or vaginal mucus or,

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1931, No. 15.

in respect of male animals, on samples of blood and/or semen taken from each animal by an officer of the Ministry.

(2) The Ministry may, in respect of any application for the registration of a herd in the Brucellosis Register, carry out official tests not exceeding four in number, and may discontinue testing under this Order if the owner of the herd has failed to observe any obligation imposed on him by this Order, or has failed to comply with the terms of the Brucellosis Control Order (Northern Ireland), 1962(a), or has elected to serve on the Ministry the Notice of Intention to Retain Reactors referred to in Article 10 of the said Order.

Brucellosis Register

5.—(1) The Ministry shall keep a register, herein described as the Brucellosis Register, of all herds in which no reactor has been revealed by either of two successive official tests and may, at its discretion, include in such register particulars of any herd which has been wholly constituted by the transfer of animals from herds registered as aforesaid and which, furthermore, has passed one official test after the date on which the herd was so constituted. Provided that in certain circumstances the Ministry may not require that an official test be carried out in such a herd.

(2) The owner of any herd registered in the Brucellosis Register shall comply with the rules specified in the First Schedule.

(3) An entry in the Brucellosis Register relating to any herd may be cancelled—

(*a*) if, in the opinion of the Ministry, the owner of the herd fails to observe any obligation imposed on him by this Order or fails to comply with the provisions of the Brucellosis Control Order (Northern Ireland), 1962, or

(*b*) at the request of the owner of the herd.

(4) (*a*) The Ministry may carry out official tests in respect of any herd registered in the Brucellosis Register and where any reactor is found in any herd as the result of an official test, the Ministry shall proceed to slaughter or cause to be slaughtered such reactor in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of the Brucellosis Control Order (Northern Ireland), 1962.

(*b*) If the owner of the herd elects to serve on the Ministry the Notice of Intention to Retain Reactors referred to in Article 10 of the Brucellosis Control Order (Northern Ireland), 1962, the Ministry will cancel the herdowner's entry in the Register.

Issue of a Brucellosis Certificate

6. The Ministry shall issue a certificate of registration to the owner of each herd registered in the Brucellosis Register. Such certificate, herein described as a Brucellosis Certificate, shall be valid for so long as the herd is registered in the Brucellosis Register and shall be sufficient for the purposes of the Milk (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1962(b).

Re-application for registration

7. Where, on application having been made for the registration of a herd in the Brucellosis Register, the herd is not so registered, or where the registration of a herd in the Brucellosis Register has been cancelled under the

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962, No. 222. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962, No. 224.