1962. No. 3 **[NC]**

NURSES AND MIDWIVES (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1961

Date of Commencement

ORDER, DATED 8TH JANUARY, 1962, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE NURSES AND MIDWIVES (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1961.

I, the Right Honourable William James Morgan, Minister of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 8 of the Nurses and Midwives (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland), 1961(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, do hereby order as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Nurses and Midwives (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland), 1961 (Date of Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland), 1962.

2. The provisions of Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Act and the First and Second Schedules to the Act shall come into operation on the date of this Order.

Dated this eighth day of January, 1962.

Wm. J. Morgan,
Minister of Health and Local Government.

1962. No. 4 **[C]**

POULTRY

Poultry Test

SCHEME, DATED 15TH JANUARY, 1962, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949(b).

The Ministry of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section nine of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Poultry Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1962, and shall come into operation on the 16th day of January, 1962.

(a) 1961. c. 14. (b) 1949. c. 2.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme:—

"accredited" means approved by the Ministry in accordance with the current Accredited Poultry Farms Scheme.

"bird" means domestic fowl.

"cockerel" means a male bird in its first season.

"heavy breeds" and "light breeds" have the meanings commonly accepted by poultry keepers. Heavy breeds include Rhode Island Red, White Wyandotte, Light Sussex, Buff Rock and Barred Rock and such other Breeds as the Ministry may approve. Light breeds include White Leghorn, Black Leghorn, Brown Leghorn, and Ancona and such other breeds as the Ministry may approve.

"parent breeding farm" means an accredited farm which has a contract with supply farms approved in accordance with the current Accredited Poultry Farms Scheme.

"pen" means a group of pullets hatched from eggs being the entry of one breeder and housed together during the test.

"pullet" means a female bird, in its first laying season prior to a complete moult.

"reactor" means a bird which has shown a positive reaction to a test for disease carried out by the Ministry.

"repeatable cross-bred" means a cross produced where the arrangements are such that it would be possible to continue the production of the same cross for two further seasons.

"special breeding farm" means a farm registered under the Poultry Breeding Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1958(a).

Form of Test

3. The tests shall be divided into two Sections:

Section I shall be a test of breeding stock of recognised utility pure breeds.

It shall consist of:

(*a*) A cockerel test; and

(*b*) a random sample test.

Section II shall be a random sample test of commercial stock.

Entries

4. Application for entry to a test shall be made in the form specified in the First Schedule.

Acceptance of Entries

5.—(1) Applications for entry to a test shall be selected in such a manner as the Ministry may think fit.

(2) A breeder may submit more than one entry to any test. In the event of more than one entry being submitted a separate application form shall be completed for each entry.

(3) The eligibility of every entry shall be determined by the Ministry and the Ministry may refuse to accept any entry without stating a reason.

(4) Entries shall only be accepted from flocks in Northern Ireland.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 80.

Fees

6.—(1) The fees, which shall be paid when application for entry is made, shall be as follows:—

(*a*) Section I, test (*a*)—£5 per entry.

(*b*) Section I, test (*b*)—£5 per entry provided that the entry of Grade I accredited farms shall be free of charge.

(*c*) Section II. The fee payable in this section shall depend on the number of birds mated to produce the breed, strain or cross of the entry and shall be as follows:—

Number of birds mated					*Fee*
100	— 1,000	...	...	...	£10 per entry
1,001	— 5,000	...	...	...	£20 „ „
over 5,000	...	...	...	...	£30 „ „

(2) If for any reason other than the failure of the entrant to abide by the prescribed conditions the Ministry does not accept any entry or does not complete the testing of an entry, the fee or such part thereof as the Ministry shall consider reasonable shall be refunded to the entrant.

Identification

7. Where an entry is accepted for Section I, test (*a*), a sealed ring may be affixed to the cockerel by an officer of the Ministry. The said ring shall be removed from the sires of all the pens in respect of which a certificate in accordance with Article 12 is not awarded at the conclusion of the test.

Conditions

8.—(1) *Applicable to Section I, test (a):*

(*a*) Each entry shall consist of a sample of at least twenty-five pullets reared at the testing station, being the progeny of one cockerel mated with at least twelve females bred by the entrant and mated on his farm and shall include at least one daughter of each of the mated females which have pullet progeny. The pullets shall be selected from those hatched from a sample of at least one hundred and five eggs drawn on the farm by an officer of the Ministry and sent to the testing station for hatching.

(*b*) In the event of the cockerel to be tested dying before the sample of hatching eggs is drawn, the sample may not be drawn and the entry of that cockerel may not be accepted.

(2) *Applicable to Section I, test (b):*

Each entry shall consist of a sample of at least twenty-five pullets reared at the testing station from at least one hundred and five eggs drawn at random by an officer of the Ministry from the eggs produced by a flock of at least fifty females mated on the entrant's farm and sent to the testing station for hatching. The sample shall be drawn on the farm from eggs produced by all the birds in lay on the farm which have been mated to produce the particular breed mentioned in the entry form.

(3) *Applicable to Section I, tests (a) and (b):*

All eggs for each entry shall be produced by birds of the same breed which may be any recognised utility pure breed.

(4) *Applicable to Section II:*

(*a*) Each sample entered shall be drawn from eggs produced by a flock of at least one hundred females mated to produce pure or repeatable cross-bred chicks for sale for commercial egg production. Except as provided in sub-paragraph (*c*) below, the sample shall be drawn on the farm from eggs produced by all the birds in lay on the farm which have been mated to produce the pure or repeatable cross-bred chicks mentioned in the entry form.

(*b*) The size of the sample shall be at least as follows:—

Number of females mated	*Eggs in sample*	*Pullets tested*
100 — 1,000 ...	... 180	40
1,001 — 5,000 ...	... 360	80
over 5,000	... 540	120

(*c*) Where an entry is from a parent breeding farm which supplies stock to contract supply farms the sample shall be drawn at the specified hatchery or hatcheries of the entrant, from eggs received from a representative number of the supply farms supplying eggs of the particular breed, strain or cross.

(*d*) The samples shall be drawn at random by an officer of the Ministry.

(5) *Applicable to both Section I and Section II:*

(*a*) The eggs for an entry shall be packed in non-returnable boxes supplied by the entrant in the presence of the officer of the Ministry who draws the sample. The boxes shall be sealed by the said officer and the entrant shall arrange for delivery to the testing station.

(*b*) If on arrival at the testing station the sample of eggs comprising an entry contains such a number of shell faults as, in the opinion of the Ministry, to make satisfactory testing impossible, the Ministry may cancel the said entry.

(*c*) The eggs drawn by an officer of the Ministry for an entry shall become the property of the Ministry on acceptance at the testing station and all birds hatched from them shall be the property of the Ministry.

(*d*) Each entrant who states in his application form that he wishes to have the cockerel chicks hatched from eggs which comprise his entry may have them free of charge if collected at the testing station on the day notified.

(*e*) An entrant may purchase surplus pullets hatched from the eggs which comprise his entry at a price determined by the Ministry if collected at the testing station by arrangement with the Ministry.

(*f*) On completion of the test each entrant may purchase the remaining birds comprising his entry at a price determined by the Ministry if collected at the testing station by arrangement with the Ministry.

(*g*) If an entrant does not exercise his option to purchase back the birds comprising his entry under sub-paragraphs (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) above, the Ministry may sell or otherwise dispose of the birds in any way it thinks fit.

(*h*) The management of entries at the testing station shall be conducted in such a manner as the Ministry may think fit.

(*i*) An entrant shall take or permit the Ministry to take in respect of his entry all the precautions against disease laid down in the Second Schedule.

(*j*) The Ministry may stop the testing of any entry if it becomes apparent that birds hatched from the eggs comprising the entry are not of the breed, strain or cross mentioned in the entry form and the birds comprising such an entry may be disposed of in any way which the Ministry may think fit.

(*k*) The Ministry may exclude any entry from a test if the number of pullets reared to point of lay from the eggs comprising that entry does not equal or exceed the number of pullets required by the conditions of entry for that test under paragraphs (1), (2) or (4) hereof. The birds comprising such an entry may be disposed of in any way which the Ministry may think fit.

(*l*) No bird which dies during the test may be replaced.

(*m*) All eggs laid during the test may be sold by the Ministry.

(*n*) The amount realised by the sale of eggs or birds shall be applied towards defraying the expenses of the test.

(*o*) The cost of transport of eggs or birds entered for the test being moved to or from the test premises shall be borne by the breeder.

Control Sample

9. A control sample consisting of 540 eggs produced on accredited farms from a representative cross, purchased from licensed hatcheries and including eggs from a representative number of the farms supplying eggs of that cross, shall be included in the Section II test.

Records and Publication of Results

10. The Ministry may keep such records of the tests and may publish the results of the tests at such times and in such manner as it may think fit.

Grading and Scoring

11. The grading and scoring on which the results of the tests shall be based may be conducted in such manner and judged by such standards as the Ministry may think fit.

Awards

12. A certificate in the form set out in the Third Schedule shall be awarded in respect of every pen in Section I which attains or surpasses the standard which may be set from time to time by the Ministry.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 15th day of January, nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

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

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 15th day of January, nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

(L.S.) *K. R. Shimeld,*
Assistant Secretary.