EXPLANATORY NOTE.

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

The chief purpose of the Regulations is to revise the qualifications for admission to the Ophthalmic List of the General Health Services Board to practise as an optician in the Health Service. After 1st June, 1961, when the Opticians Act, 1958, comes fully into operation, only registered opticians and enrolled bodies corporate may be included in the Ophthalmic List. The qualifications which ophthalmic medical practitioners are required to possess in order to provide supplementary eye services remain virtually unchanged.

Several consequential amendments have been made to the principal Regulations governing the provision of supplementary eye services, and the opportunity has been taken to prescribe a revised form for sight testing and the supply of glasses in consequence of the alterations in charges and exemptions from charges coming into operation from 1st June, 1961.

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HOUSING

Small Dwellings Acquisition—Rate of Interest

ORDER, DATED 2ND JUNE, 1961, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1921.

This Order was revoked by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 173.

1961. No. 125 **[C]**

HERBAGE SEEDS

Revocation of Exemption

ORDER, DATED 31ST MAY, 1961, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 4(2) OF THE HERBAGE SEEDS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1955(**a**).

I, the Right Honourable Henry William West, Minister of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by sub-section (2) of section four of the Herbage Seeds Act (Northern Ireland), 1955, hereby order as follows:—

1. In the Herbage Seeds (Exemption) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1955(**b**), sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (*b*) of Article 1 (which exempts seed of the

(**a**) 1955. c. 4. (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955, No. 142.