EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The possession of untested cattle is already an offence in Counties Antrim and Londonderry and the County Borough of Londonderry and this Order extends these provisions to the whole of Northern Ireland.

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MARKETING OF EGGS

RULES, DATED 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1960, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION TWENTY-ONE OF THE MARKETING OF EGGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1957.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 21 of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1957(**a**), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Rules:—

Short Title and Commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Marketing of Eggs (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1960, and shall come into operation on 31st day of October, 1960.

Amendments to the Marketing of Eggs Rules

2. The Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1958(**b**), shall be amended as follows:—

(1) For Part I, Paragraph 8 thereof the following paragraph shall be substituted:—

"**8.** For the purpose of calculating the periods prescribed in Rules 19, 26, 31 and 34, there shall not be taken into account Sundays, Easter Monday, the 12th July, Christmas Day, any other public general holiday, or, where a five-day working week is being observed, Saturdays."

(2) For Part I, Paragraph 15 thereof the following paragraph shall be substituted:—

"**15.** A licence-holder shall identify all eggs received by him from producers in accordance with either Method 1 or Method 2 described in this Rule, but shall not employ a combination of both.

Method 1

(1) (*a*) He shall, before packing any eggs in a collection case, insert in the label-holder a label in the prescribed form containing the following particulars:—

(i) the name of the licence-holder (in block letters);

(ii) the packing-number of the collection case as defined in (*b*);

(a) 1957. c. 27.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No 134.

(iii) the date of receipt from the producer (including day of the week); and

(iv) the initials of or other reference which shall identify the person by whom the eggs were received from the producer.

(*b*) He shall number consecutively in the order in which they are filled the collection cases used by him on any day for the packing of eggs and the number so applied to any case shall be the packing-number of that case.

(*c*) He shall not pack in any collection case any eggs received by him on any date other than that set forth as the date of receipt on the label attached to the case.

(2) (*a*) He shall, on receipt of the eggs by him from the producer, place with each lot of eggs two copies of an identification receipt in the prescribed form on which shall be entered in a clear and indelible manner the following particulars:—

(i) the name and licence number of the licence-holder;

(ii) the initials of or other reference which shall identify the person by whom the eggs were received from the producer;

(iii) the date of receipt;

(iv) the name and address of the producer; and

(v) the number of the hen eggs received from the producer; or

(vi) the number of duck eggs received from the producer.

(*b*) He shall place two copies of each receipt with the lot of eggs to which it refers in such manner as will enable the said lot to be identified, and such receipts shall not be removed until the eggs are being unpacked for the purpose of being tested in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.

(*c*) He shall give to the producer a copy of the identification receipt and he shall himself retain a copy—and such retained copy shall not at any time be detached from the book of which it forms part.

Method 2

He shall place in each case two copies of a separate identification receipt in respect of each lot of eggs in that case and the identification receipts and copies shall be prepared, inserted with the eggs and distributed in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) of Method 1."

(3) For Part IV, Paragraph 19(1) thereof the following paragraph should be substituted:—

"**19.**—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall test all eggs which have been received by him from a producer not later than the day following such receipt and shall test all eggs which have been received by him from a licensed wholesale dealer of Class B not more than one day after such receipt."

(4) For Part IV, Paragraph 22 thereof the following paragraph shall be substituted:—

"**22.**—(1) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall, immediately after testing and grading any eggs, legibly and indelibly enter on each copy of each identification receipt the number of eggs of each class which have been marked in accordance with the provisions of Rule 21.