EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order gives the Ministry additional powers found to be necessary for implementing the programme of eradication of bovine tuberculosis. In particular it confers power of compulsory slaughter and power to remove animals for that purpose after the completion of valuation procedure.

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CENSUS OF PRODUCTION

Exemption of Certain Undertakings

THE CENSUS OF PRODUCTION (EXEMPTION) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1959, DATED 2ND DECEMBER, 1959, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTION 1(4) OF THE STATISTICS OF TRADE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949.

Whereas Section 1(1) of the Statistics of Trade Act (Northern Ireland), 1949 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") provides that for the purpose of providing at intervals general surveys of the state of trade and business, the Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") shall in the year nineteen hundred and fifty and in every subsequent year take a census of production:

And whereas Section 1(4) of the said Act enables the Ministry by Order to provide for exempting any persons or any prescribed class or description of persons, from the obligation contained in the said Act to furnish returns for the purposes of such a census:

Now, therefore, the Ministry in exercise of the powers conferred upon it hereby makes the following Order:—

1. Where, in any undertaking within the meaning of the Act, the persons employed therein (including all working proprietors, clerical and typing staff, and operatives inside or outside the factory or workshop) shall not exceed twenty-four on the average throughout the year nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, the person or persons carrying on that undertaking shall, subject as hereinafter mentioned, be exempt from any requirement to furnish a return for the purposes of the Act for that year provided, however, that such exemption shall not be applicable unless the person or persons carrying on the undertaking shall notify the Ministry that not more than twenty-four persons on the average during the said year have been employed in the undertaking.

2. Where any undertaking within the meaning of the Act was engaged during the year nineteen hundred and fifty-nine in mining and quarrying, the person or persons carrying on such an undertaking shall be exempt from any requirement to furnish a Census return for that year in respect of any such operations.