Arrangements for calling the Fire Force in case of fire, etc.

3. The arrangements for enabling persons to call the fire force in case of fire, for summoning the members of the fire force and for manning the fire engines, appliances and equipment shall be as follows:—

(1) The Authority shall provide and maintain mobilising sections at their Headquarters in Lisburn, and, so far as may be necessary in the interests of efficiency, at Londonderry, Portadown and Ballymena. Each mobilising section so provided and maintained shall be staffed by such number of whole-time members of the fire force as the Authority may consider appropriate.

(2) The Authority shall make such arrangements as will ensure that calls for the fire force in case of fire will be transmitted promptly to a mobilising section.

(3) The Authority shall provide and maintain in every town mentioned in column (3) of the table in sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph one of this Schedule in which there are retained members of the fire force apparatus of sufficient power to give audible warning for the purpose of summoning the members to man the fire engines, appliances and equipment, and shall make suitable arrangements for the sounding of the said apparatus when necessary.

Attendance at Fires

4. When the fire force responds to a call in case of fire, a fire officer or a part-time station officer shall, if practicable, attend at the fire in order to take charge of the operations of the fire force

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FLAX

REGULATIONS DATED 31ST DECEMBER, 1957, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION TWENTY OF THE FLAX ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1954, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, SO FAR AS IT IS REQUIRED BY THAT ACT.

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In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section twenty of the Flax Act (Northern Ireland), 1954(a), and of all other powers it thereunto enabling, the Ministry of Agriculture, with the approval, so far is it is required by the said Act, of the Ministry of Finance, and after consultation, so far as it is required as aforesaid, with representatives of persons whose interests appear to the Ministry to be likely to be affected, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Flax (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957.

(2) These Regulations shall come into force on 1st August, 1958.

(a) 1954, c. 14.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression—

"the Act" means the Flax Act (Northern Ireland), 1954, and

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture.

Records and returns

3. Persons to whom licences are issued by the Ministry under section two or section three of the Act and persons with whom arrangements are entered into by the Ministry under or for the purposes of section four of the Act shall—

(*a*) keep such a record of each of their purchases and sales of flax straw, flax or re-scutched tow as will show—

(i) the date thereof;

(ii) the name and address of the other party to the transaction;

(iii) the grade (if any) of any flax or re-scutched tow purchased or sold;

(iv) the weight of any flax straw, flax or re-scutched tow purchased or sold, particulars of hand scutched flax and turbine scutched flax being recorded separately; and

(v) the price; and

(*b*) furnish to the Ministry—

(i) within one week from the date of any purchase of any such flax straw, flax or re-scutched tow, the aforesaid particulars of that purchase; and

(ii) from time to time on the request of the Ministry, the aforesaid particulars of any sale of any such flax straw, flax or re-scutched tow.

Grading of Flax

4. Any dispute between the holder of a licence issued by the Ministry under section two of the Act and any flax grower as to the grading of any flax, being a dispute arising out of the purchase of that flax by the holder of the said licence shall be determined in the manner provided by the First Schedule to these Regulations.

Definition of "Grower" for purposes of certain payments under the Act

5. For the purposes of making payments under section nine or section ten of the Act in connection with any flax or flax straw the grower of the flax straw (whether retted or unretted) from which the flax sold is produced, or, as the case may be, the grower of the unretted flax straw sold, shall be deemed to be—

(*a*) the person who sells such flax or flax straw to the person authorised by the Ministry under the Act to buy it; or, at the option of the Ministry,

(*b*) the person on whose behalf such flax or flax straw is so sold.

Payment in certain cases to a person other than the grower

6. Where a person appearing to be entitled to receive a payment under section nine or section ten of the Act dies before payment thereof has been made to him, the said payment may, on production of probate, letters of administration or other satisfactory evidence of entitlement, be paid by the Ministry for the benefit of his estate.

Provision to secure that certain payments are properly made

7. Where

(*a*) a payment falls to be made under section ten of the Act in respect of any unretted flax straw; and

(*b*) the Ministry is satisfied that at the time of the delivery of that flax straw to a flax processor or to a scutch mill, the straw contained an undue amount of weeds or other extraneous matter, or was not in a sound, dry condition;

the Ministry may make such a deduction from the amount of the payment falling to be made as aforesaid as it considers necessary in order to secure that payment is made in respect only of the actual weight of flax straw sold.

Standards for scutching

8.—(1) The scutching of dam-retted flax straw or rough tow shall not be deemed to be efficient unless in the case of flax straw, it complies with the standards specified in paragraph (2) of this Regulation or, in the case of rough tow, it complies with the standards specified in paragraph (3) thereof.

(2) Standards for scutching of flax straw—

(*a*) Each strick of scutched flax fibre shall be—

(i) reasonably free from shives;

(ii) free from knots;

(iii) free from an excessive amount of damaged fibre due to over-scutching;

(iv) well shaped and even at the root end; and

(v) free from tow; and

(*b*) the finished stricks of fibre shall be made up into neat bundles tied with thin cords made from long flax fibres.

(3) Standards for scutching of rough tow—

Re-scutched tow shall be—

(*a*) uniformly clean and reasonably free from shives;

(*b*) free from knots; and

(*c*) free from nests of unscutched material.

Charges for scutching

9.—(1) A scutch miller who performs the operation of producing any flax or any re-scutched tow from dam-retted flax straw grown in the years 1957 or 1958 shall not in respect of that operation make any charge exceeding the appropriate maximum charge.