Amendment of the Principal Order

2. The principal Order shall be amended as follows:—

(i) In Article 2 the words " or carcase thereof " shall be inserted after the words " any species of swine ".

(ii) After Article 3 there shall be inserted the following new Article:—

3A. In this Order:—

" Carcase " means the carcase of an animal, and includes part of a carcase, and the meat, bones, hide, skin, hoofs, offal, or other part of an animal, separately or otherwise or any portion thereof.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland, this sixteenth day of October, (L.S.) nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

J. C. Baird,
Assistant Secretary.

Sheep Dipping (Northern Ireland) Order 1956

1956. No. 81 [NC]

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in it under the Diseases of Animals Acts (Northern Ireland) 1894 to 1955(a), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, orders and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

Prescribed Dipping Period

1. There shall be, in each year, one prescribed dipping period which shall commence on the first day of October and terminate on the thirtieth day of November.

Mode of Dipping Prescribed

2. Where under this Order it is provided that sheep are to be dipped, they shall be dipped by a thorough immersion of the whole body, including the head and ears, in a " single-dipping " type sheep-dip approved by the Ministry for sheep scab by the Sheep Scab (Northern Ireland) Order of 1954(b). The immersion, except as regards the head and ears, shall be for a period of not less than one minute, in a bath approved by the Ministry.

Exceptions to Dipping Requirements

3.—(1) Sheep which it is impracticable or inexpedient to dip owing to their being intended for exhibition, or to any other special circumstances, may be exempted from being dipped during

(a) *See* 1955 c. 8. ss. 1(2) and 3(2).
(b) S.R. & O. 1954 No. 88.

the dipping period by an exemption signed by an inspector, provided he is satisfied, after examination and enquiry in the case, that the sheep are free from disease and that the grounds on which the exemption is sought are satisfactory. The exemption may be granted subject to conditions as to subsequent dipping or otherwise. The exemption shall be in the Form A set forth in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect.

(2) Nothing in this Article shall be deemed to affect the operation of the provisions in Article 6 of this Order.

Annual Dipping

4.—(1) All sheep (unless those excepted by Article 3 of this Order) shall be caused to be dipped during the dipping period, by the owner or person in charge thereof.

(2) For the purposes of enabling the Ministry to be represented at the dipping required by this Article, whenever it considers such a course desirable, the owner or person in charge of any sheep required to be dipped shall give such written notice of his intention to dip his sheep as is hereinafter provided:—

(i) The notice shall be delivered or sent by post or otherwise to the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the district in which the sheep referred to in such notice are located.

(ii) The notice shall be delivered or sent at such time as to be received by the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the district at least five clear days before the intended time of dipping.

(iii) The notice shall state the time and place of the intended dipping, the approximate number of sheep intended to be dipped, and the place where such sheep are located at time of forwarding of the notice.

Provisions as to Scheduled Areas

5. The Ministry may at any time by Order declare any area in which, in the opinion of the Ministry, sheep scab is prevalent to be a scheduled area for the purposes of this Order and thereupon all sheep within such area shall, in addition to the dipping required by Article 4 of this Order be dipped in accordance with such directions as the Ministry may in the Order or otherwise prescribe. In any area so scheduled the Ministry may, if it deems it advisable, make such regulations as may, in the opinion of the Ministry, be necessary in connection with the movement of sheep within, into or from the area.

Exposure at Fairs, Markets and Saleyards of Sheep other than Imported Sheep

6. It shall not be lawful in the dipping period to move any sheep into or expose them for sale in any fair, market or saleyard unless such sheep shall have been dipped as specified in Article 4 of this Order and are accompanied at time of such movement

or exposure, by a declaration in respect of such dipping, signed by the owner of the sheep, or his agent authorised in that behalf. Every such declaration shall be in the Form B set forth in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect.

This Article shall not apply to any sheep moved within the first seven days of the said dipping period.

Sheep Imported from the Irish Republic

7.—(1) When sheep are brought into Northern Ireland from the Irish Republic the owner or person in charge shall, at the point of entry into Northern Ireland if the sheep are being moved by road, or at the point of delivery by a railway company in Northern Ireland if they are being transported by rail, complete a declaration in the Form C set forth in the Schedule hereto or to the like effect, and shall hand same to the Authorised Officer at the point of entry, or to the Stationmaster or his deputy at the point of delivery.

(2) The owner or person in charge shall

(*a*) keep the sheep isolated from all other sheep until dealt with under this Article;

(*b*) cause such sheep to be dipped in an approved dip not later than 14 days after entry of the sheep into Northern Ireland, having previously given notice in writing of the proposed date of dipping to the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the district at least five clear days before the date of dipping. Such notice shall be in the Form D set forth in the Schedule hereto or to the like effect. Provided, however, that when a licence is issued by an Authorised Officer at the point of entry to allow movement of the sheep direct to a slaughter-house for immediate slaughter, or direct to a port for immediate shipment, such dipping shall not be required.

(3) This Article shall not apply in the case of sheep which are being moved from a place outside Northern Ireland to another place outside Northern Ireland provided that the sheep are not unloaded in Northern Ireland.

Declarations by Occupiers of Farms, etc.

8. The occupier of a farm or holding on which sheep are kept shall personally or by his agent authorised in that behalf, furnish not later than seven days after the expiration of the dipping period to the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the district in which the farm or holding is situate, a declaration in the Form E set forth in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect, as to the dipping of the sheep in the dipping period.

Isolation of Sheep before and after Dipping

9.—(1) Sheep which have not been dipped during the dipping period in any year shall be kept isolated from sheep which have been dipped during that dipping period

(2) All sheep after having been dipped within the dipping period in any year shall, during the remainder of such period, be kept isolated from sheep which have not been dipped.

Restriction on Movement of Sheep not Dipped

10. Where any sheep shall not have been dipped during the dipping period as required by this Order or where Article 7 of this Order has not been complied with, an Inspector or other Authorised Officer may, without prejudice to any proceedings for the offence, serve the owner or person in charge of the sheep and the owner or person in charge of any sheep then in contact with the undipped or imported sheep, with a notice, in the Form F set forth in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect, requiring the dipping as specified in this Order of the sheep described in the notice and prohibiting their movement from the farm, holding or other place specified in the notice (except under a licence granted by an Inspector or other Authorised Officer) until all sheep shall have been so dipped, in the presence of an Inspector or other Authorised Officer.

Cleansing of Dipping Places

11. The place on any farm or premises which has been used for dipping shall, without unnecessary delay, be thoroughly cleansed by the occupier, and all tufts of wool gathered and disinfected or destroyed.

Samples of Dip may be taken

12. Every owner or person in charge of sheep being dipped under this Order shall permit and give every facility to an Inspector or other Authorised Officer to take samples of dip or material which is being used or has been used for the dipping of sheep.

Power to regulate time and place of Dipping in particular cases

13. The Ministry may during the dipping period in any case where it considers such procedure desirable serve a notice on the owner or person in charge of any sheep, requiring that the sheep shall be dipped at such times and places as are stated in the notice and to the satisfaction of an Inspector or other Authorised Officer, and the sheep shall thereupon be dipped in accordance with the requirements of such notice. The notice may be in the Form G set forth in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect.

Production of Declaration and Licences: Names and Addresses

14.—(1) Any person in charge of a sheep being moved where under this Order a declaration or licence is necessary, shall, on demand of a Constable, or of an Inspector or other Authorised Officer, produce and show to him the declaration or licence, if any, authorising the movement, and shall allow it to be read and a copy of or extract from it to be taken by the person to whom it is produced.

(2) Any person so in charge shall, on demand as aforesaid, give his name and address to the Constable or Inspector or other Authorised Officer.