The Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him by Section 3 of the Herbage Seeds Act (Northern Ireland), 1955 hereby orders and directs as follows:—

1. So long as these Regulations continue in force, it shall not be lawful for any person to harvest for seed any ryegrass from which a crop of seed has already been harvested.

2. Any person acting in contravention of these Regulations shall be liable on conviction to the penalties laid down in Section 12 of the Act.

3. These Regulations may be cited as the Ryegrass Seed (Restriction on Harvesting) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1955.

4. These Regulations shall come into force on the first day of September, 1955.

R. Moore,
Minister of Agriculture.

Date: 30th August, 1955.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES

Licensing of Slaughter-houses

REGULATIONS DATED 28TH OCTOBER, 1955, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 11(1) OF THE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1953.

1955. No. 169. [C]

PART I

Short Title and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Slaughter-houses (Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1955, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of November, 1955.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires—

"the Act" means the Slaughter-houses Act (Northern Ireland), 1953;

"slaughter-house" has the meaning defined in the said Act;

"pig slaughter-house" means any slaughter-house used in connection with the business of killing pigs, boars, hogs or sows only.

PART II

LICENCES IN RESPECT OF A SLAUGHTER-HOUSE OR A PIG SLAUGHTER-HOUSE

Applications for Licences

3. Applications for licences shall be made in the form prescribed in the Third Schedule.

Provisions relating to Licences

4.—(1) Licences shall be in one or other of the forms hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

(*a*) A Licence in the form set out in the Sixth Schedule for the slaughter of animals in a slaughter-house constructed and equipped in conformity with the requirements of the First Schedule.

(*b*) A Licence in the form set out in the Seventh Schedule for the slaughter of pigs, boars, hogs or sows only, in a pig slaughter-house constructed and equipped in conformity with the requirements of the Second Schedule.

Provided that where, at the time of the application for a licence, the premises including those premises which have hitherto been licensed as a slaughter-house or pig slaughter-house, as the case may be, do not fully conform to the requirements of the First or Second Schedules, the Ministry shall be at liberty to issue a licence to the applicant therefor.

A licence shall remain in force until revoked or suspended under Section 3 of the Act.

(*c*) *Provisional Licences:* A Provisional Licence in the form set out in the Eighth Schedule for the slaughter of animals or in the form set out in the Ninth Schedule for the slaughter of pigs, boars, hogs or sows only, in a slaughter-house or a pig slaughter house as the case may be, may be granted to an applicant or body upon condition that, within a period to be stated in the licence or in a communication accompanying the licence, the applicant or body operating the slaughter-house or pig slaughter-house, as the case may be, shall carry out such works and make such additions, alterations, or improvements to the premises as may by the said licence or by a communication accompanying the licence be stipulated. Failure by a person or body so licensed to carry out the works and make the additions, alterations or improvements to the premises so stipulated within the time specified in the licence or the communication sent therewith, shall be non-compliance with the conditions of the licence.

(2) Every licence issued by the Ministry shall be subject to the conditions set out in these Regulations so far as they are expressed to be applicable.

5. A Licence or a Provisional Licence issued under these Regulations other than a licence issued in respect of a slaughter-house operated by a Local Authority may be subject to one or more of the following conditions as to slaughter in the premises described in the licence:—

(1) A condition limiting the slaughter to animals of a specified kind or kinds;

(2) A condition limiting the slaughter to animals the carcases of which are intended for removal from Northern Ireland; provided that at the Ministry's discretion such condition may be relaxed so as to permit the slaughter of animals the carcases of which are intended for consumption in Northern Ireland;

(3) A condition limiting the slaughter to animals the carcases of which are intended for consumption in Northern Ireland; provided that at the Ministry's discretion such condition may be relaxed so as to permit the slaughter of animals the carcases of which are intended for removal from Northern Ireland;

(4) A condition at the Ministry's discretion limiting the slaughter of animals the carcases of which are intended for consumption in Northern Ireland to not more than a specified number of animals or numbers of different kinds of animals in a specified period;

and such conditions shall be clearly described in the licence.

6. Licences issued in the name of persons or bodies in respect of specified premises shall not be transferable to other persons or bodies.

Part III

Provisions relating to the use of licensed slaughter-house or licensed pig slaughter-house premises

7. A slaughter-house or a pig slaughter-house licensed under these Regulations shall be maintained as to its structure and equipment in a condition satisfactory to the Ministry. On failure so to maintain it the licence may be revoked.

8. The premises of the slaughter-house or pig slaughter-house in respect of which a licence is issued by the Ministry shall not be used for any purpose other than the slaughter of animals intended for human consumption and for purposes incidental thereto.

Part IV

Provisions relating to premises within a slaughter-house or pig slaughter-house used for the wholesale distribution of meat or for the preparation of meat for removal from Northern Ireland

9. Where premises within a licensed slaughter-house or pig slaughter-house are used for the wholesale distribution of meat or for the preparation of meat for removal from Northern Ireland, they shall conform to the general specifications laid down in the First Schedule for the Cooling Hall.

PART V

PROVISIONS AS TO WATER SUPPLIES

10. A slaughter-house or pig slaughter-house in respect of which an application for a licence is made shall be provided with a wholesome piped water supply sufficient for all needs of the slaughter-house.

PART VI

RECORDS AND RETURNS

11. The holder of a licence—

(1) shall keep accurate records of the animals slaughtered in the premises in the form prescribed in the Fourth Schedule;

(2) shall retain such records for a period of not less than twenty-four months from the date of the slaughterings recorded therein;

(3) shall furnish to the Ministry information required as to the numbers and types of animals slaughtered in any period in the form set out in the Fifth Schedule;

(4) shall produce the licence for inspection at the request of an authorised officer.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this twenty-eighth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, in
(L.S.) the presence of

J. C. Baird,
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Regulations regarding Slaughter-houses for Cattle, Sheep and Pigs

A. SITING

The slaughter-house buildings shall not adjoin or form part of a building used as a dwelling house.

The site shall be well drained, of an open nature so that all buildings are assured a free flow of air, and free from flooding.

B. BUILDINGS (GENERAL)

Buildings shall be of permanent construction with impervious non-slip floors. Floor levels shall permit of surface drainage to sediment traps placed outside the individual buildings. Internal surfaces of all walls shall be finished with a hard, smooth, durable and impervious surface. All internal corners of floors and walls shall be rounded off. All roofs shall be of simple design furnishing the minimum of surface for collecting dust and shall be of permanent non-rusting material giving adequate insulation against atmospheric heat.

SPECIFIC BUILDINGS

Cattle Lairage

Lairage space shall be covered and shall be sufficient for at least one and a half days' kill in cattle. Tie-ups shall be provided for horned cattle. Cattle Pens shall be of a size to prevent injury by mass movement of animals. Partitions shall be at least 5 ft. in height, of permanent construction and adequate strength, easy to clean with no sharp projections likely to cause injury to cattle. Water shall be laid on to tie-ups and pens by means of automatic bowls or continuous troughs. Fodder racks shall be fitted. Pens shall open on to a common passage at least 4 ft. in width to allow individual beasts to be withdrawn. Lairage Buildings shall be approximately 12 ft. to the highest point of the roof and shall be adequately ventilated and lighted with hopper type windows.

Sheep Lairage

The sheep lairage shall be divided into pens and shall be adequate to hold one day's kill. Partitions shall be at least 3½ ft. in height, of permanent construction and easy to clean. Pens shall open on to a common passage at least 4 ft. in width. Water shall be provided in automatic bowls or continuous troughs—in either case the lip of the container shall be of suitable height from the floor. Fodder racks shall be provided.

Cattle and pig lairages may, if necessary, be used for the purpose of lairaging sheep provided that they are so constructed that they can be suitably adapted for this purpose.

Pig Lairage

The pig lairage shall have strong partition walls 4 ft. in effective height, of permanent construction, and shall provide for boars and sows to be penned separately from younger pigs.