1. These Rules may be cited as the Marketing of Eggs (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1951, and shall come into force on the 15th day of August, 1951.

2. The Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938, as amended (**a**) shall be further amended by substituting for paragraph (2) of Rule 21 the following paragraph :—

" (2) A licensed wholesale dealer of Class A shall not pack ' new laid eggs ' for despatch to destinations outside Northern Ireland except in new cases fitted with new fillers, flats and pads, or in such other cases as may be approved by the Ministry."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 15th day of August, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-one in the presence of

(L.S.) *D. A. E. Harkness,*
Secretary.

MARKETING OF FRUIT

Conditions of Marketing of Apples

RULES, DATED THE 31ST AUGUST, 1951, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931 (21 AND 22 GEO. V. c. 8).

1951. No. 168

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section Fifteen of the Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, orders and it is hereby ordered as follows :—

Definitions

1. In these Rules :—

(1) the expression " Ministry " shall mean the Ministry of Agriculture ;

(2) the expression " prescribed " shall mean prescribed by the Ministry of Agriculture ;

(3) the expression " authorised " shall mean authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Application

2. These Rules shall apply to apples only.

Licences

3.—(1) Application for a licence shall be made in the form or to the effect stated in the First Schedule to these Rules.

(2) A licence shall be in the form or to the effect stated in the Second Schedule to these Rules.

(a) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1938 No. 10 ; and 1951 No. 96.

Permits

4.—(1) Application for a permit may be made in the form or to the effect stated in the Seventh Schedule to these Rules.

(2) A Permit may be in the form or to the effect stated in the Eighth Schedule to these Rules.

Conditions to be observed by licence-holders or permit holders when consigning Apples from Northern Ireland under the authority of a licence or permit

5.—(1) A licence-holder shall maintain in Northern Ireland premises including storage and other facilities satisfactory to the Ministry for the handling and packing of apples. This rule shall come into operation on the first day of August, 1952.

(2) A licence-holder or permit holder shall :—

(*a*) not send any apples out of Northern Ireland to Great Britain or the Isle of Man save under the authority of his own licence or permit the number of which shall be clearly marked on each container ;

(*b*) be responsible for the standard of the contents of each container ;

(*c*) furnish to the carrier or person conveying the apples a Return of Shipment to accompany the consignment in the form or to the effect stated in the Sixth Schedule to these Rules. Where such consignment is loaded in two or more vehicles, the licence-holder shall furnish a separate Return of Shipment in respect of each vehicle. Where such consignment, loaded in one vehicle, includes lots consigned to two or more consignees, the licence-holder shall furnish a separate Return of Shipment in respect of each such lot.

(3) Graded apples sent by licence-holders or permit holders from Northern Ireland to Great Britain or the Isle of Man under the authority of a licence or permit shall be :—

(*a*) of the standards of quality as laid down in the Third Schedule to these Rules, and

(*b*) in containers which are of the types specified in the Fourth Schedule to these Rules and which are packed and marked as laid down in that Schedule.

Consignment of Culinary Apples below " Domestic " standard

6.—(1) Notwithstanding any provisions of these Rules, culinary apples which fail to reach the requirements for " Domestic " Standard as laid down in the Third Schedule to these Rules but which are Seconds (as defined in Part I of the Fifth Schedule to these Rules) may be sent for the fresh fruit market to Great Britain or the Isle of Man on and after 1st January, 1952, subject to the conditions that they shall be packed only in Box " X ", the specification for the construction of which is given in the said Schedule, and shall conform to the other requirements laid down in that Schedule.

Grade Designations

7. The Ministry hereby prescribes the designations Extra Fancy (" E.F. "), Fancy (" F "), and Domestic (" Dom "), referred to in the Third Schedule to these Rules as Grade designations for the purposes of Section 10 of the Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, and the standards as to quality laid down in the Third Schedule to these Rules shall be the definition of quality referred to in that Act as " the statutory definition ".

Small Consignments

8. The provisions of Part I of the Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, shall not apply to consignments of apples sent to Great Britain or the Isle of Man from Northern Ireland weighing not more than one and a half hundredweights.

Ungraded Fruit for Manufacture

9. Licence-holders or permit-holders may send ungraded apples from Northern Ireland to Great Britain or the Isle of Man subject to the conditions laid down in the Ninth Schedule to these Rules.

Containers for Apples sold or offered or exposed for sale within Northern Ireland to a retailer for the purpose of resale by him

10. On a sale or offer or exposure for sale of apples within Northern Ireland by any person to a retailer for the purpose of resale by him, such aforesaid person shall mark or cause to be marked on each package or container in which the apples are sold, offered or exposed for sale or delivered to the retailer, or on a label firmly attached to the package or container, in letters and figures not less than 1 inch high, the net weight of apples contained therein when so sold, offered or exposed for sale or delivered to the retailer.

Revocation

11. Rules specified in the Tenth Schedule to these Rules are hereby revoked ;

Provided that the provisions of sub-section (2) of section thirty eight of the Interpretation Act, 1889 shall apply on such revocation in like manner as the said provisions apply on the repeal of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Commencement

12. These Rules save as is otherwise provided in Rule 5 (1) shall come into operation on the first day of September, 1951.

Short Title

13. These Rules may be cited as the Marketing of Fruit Rules (Northern Ireland), 1951.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 31st day of August, Nineteen hundred and fifty-one, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. M'Allan*
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE M.F. 1.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE UNDER THE MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

(1) I/We .....
hereby apply for a Licence under the above-mentioned Act to send fruit to Great Britain or the Isle of Man.

(2) I/We enclose herewith cheque for £1 being the annual fee prescribed by the above-mentioned Act for a Licence.

(3) I/We hereby undertake, in the event of a Licence being granted to me/us, to comply with the provisions of the above-mentioned Act and of the Rules made thereunder and with such Rules and directions as the Ministry may from time to time issue.

Signature of Applicant(s).....

Full Postal Address .....

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Date.....

To the Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Stormont,
Belfast.

SECOND SCHEDULE M.F. 2.

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

Licence Number.....

LICENCE.

This is to certify that.....

of.....

in the County of.....is/are licensed under the above-mentioned Act to send fruit to Great Britain or the Isle of Man, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder and with such Rules and directions as the Ministry may from time to time issue.

This licence is valid up to and including the.....day of.....,19.....

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

.....
Authorised Officer.

THIRD SCHEDULE

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

STANDARDS OF GRADING AND QUALITY.

EXTRA FANCY (" E.F.")

Grading	*Quality*
For apples of a shape and colour characteristic of the variety. The diameter of any apple in this grade shall not be less than $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches for culinary apples and not less than $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches for dessert apples.	Apples shall be clean and in good condition, and shall be free from such blemishes or mechanical injuries as are calculated to impair their keeping qualities. The skin shall be free from blemishes other than those characteristic of the variety.

FANCY (" F ")

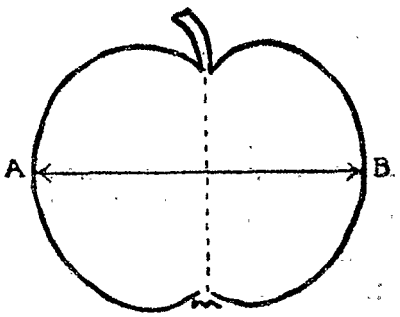
Grading	*Quality*
For apples of a shape and colour characteristic of the variety. The diameter of any apple in this grade shall not be less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches for culinary apples and not less than 2 inches for dessert apples.	Apples shall be clean and in good condition, and shall be free from such blemishes or mechanical injuries as are calculated to impair their keeping qualities. Skin blemishes shall not exceed a total area of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch square on any one culinary apple or $\frac{3}{8}$ inch square on any one dessert apple.

DOMESTIC (" DOM ")

Grading	*Quality*
For apples of a reasonable uniform shape. The diameter of any apple shall not be less than $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches for culinary apples and not less than 2 inches for dessert apples.	Apples shall be clean and in good condition, and shall be free from such blemishes or mechanical injuries as are calculated to impair their keeping qualities. Skin blemishes shall not exceed a total area of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch square on any one culinary apple, or $\frac{5}{8}$ inch square on any one dessert apple.

N.B.1—" Clean " means free from dirt, spray residue and other foreign material.

N.B.2—The diameter as referred to above means the longest transverse dimension taken at right angles to a line running from the eye (blossom) to the stem as shown in the following illustration :—



The diameter of the apple in above sketch is the distance between the points A and B.