conform to such standards as the Ministry may prescribe for the granting of a licence for a bull of that category."

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry hereby appoints the first day of August, 1950, to be the date on which the said substitution shall take place.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this first day of August, nineteen hundred and fifty in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. I. Magowan,*
Assistant Secretary.

Licensing of Bulls

RULES, DATED EIGHTH DAY OF AUGUST, 1950, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 38 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949.

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The Ministry of Agriculture by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Live Stock Breeding Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, as amended by Section 38 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, and of every other power in that behalf enabling it hereby makes the following Rules, that is to say :—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Live Stock Breeding (Licensing of Bulls) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1950, and shall come into operation on the date hereof.

Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

" Act " means the Live Stock Breeding Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, as amended by Section 38 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949 ;

" Bull " means any uncastrated male of the bovine species of the prescribed age ;

" Certified " means certified by a duly authorised officer of the Ministry ;

" Ministry " means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland ;

" Non-pedigree Shorthorn " means an animal which is of Shorthorn type in all respects and shows no character indicative of cross-breeding but which is not entered in the Herd Book of the Shorthorn Society ;

" Shorthorn " in these Rules includes Lincoln Red ;

" Official Milk Record " means a statement in writing giving particulars of the calvings and yields of milk and butterfat of a heifer or cow, and which is issued by the Ministry or by a body or organisation recognised by the Ministry as competent to supervise the recording of milk yields of heifers and cows ;

" Owner " shall have the same meaning as in the Act ;

" Pedigree " means entered in, or accepted for entry in the Herd Book of the breed concerned ;

" Writing " includes print and writing or print produced by any mechanical or chemical process ;

Words in the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular.

Prescribed Age of Bulls

3. For the purposes of the Act and these Rules, a bull shall be deemed to have reached the prescribed age on the appropriate date in the table appended as the First Schedule hereto.

Application for Licence

4.—(*a*) An application for a licence to keep a bull born in Northern Ireland shall be in writing and in the form or to the effect stated in the Third Schedule hereto and shall be lodged with the Ministry together with the prescribed inspection fee not later than the appropriate date as set forth in the Second Schedule hereto. An application for a bull brought into Northern Ireland shall be made in the same manner save that the time for making the same shall be not later than 14 days after the date of entry of the animal into Northern Ireland.

Provided, however, that notwithstanding any of the foregoing conditions where application has not been made within the time prescribed or the bull to which the application relates has not been brought for inspection at the time and place directed by the Ministry, the Ministry may on payment of such additional inspection fee (not exceeding in any case three guineas) as the Ministry may determine and subject to compliance with the directions of the Ministry relating to the inspection of the bull, grant such licence or issue a permit in lieu thereof in relation to that bull as the Ministry thinks fit.

(*b*) An application for a permit to keep (i) an unlicensed bull for the purpose of fattening it for slaughter or (ii) a bull of a

category other than those prescribed in Rule 8 hereof shall be in writing and in the form or to the effect stated in the Fourth or Fifth Schedule hereto whichever is appropriate and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee save that where an inspection fee has already been paid in respect of an application for a licence for the same bull no further fee shall be payable.

Fees

5.—(1) The inspection fee payable in respect of an application for a licence to keep a bull of a category prescribed in Rule 8 hereof shall be ten shillings :

Provided that where the inspection fee payable in respect of an application for a licence has already been paid no further fee shall be required if a permit in lieu thereof is subsequently issued.

If, prior to the notified date of inspection, any such application is withdrawn by means of a written notice given by the applicant to the Ministry, the Ministry may return the fee to the applicant.

(2) The fee payable for a permit to keep (i) an unlicensed bull for the purpose of fattening it for slaughter, or (ii) a bull of a breed other than those prescribed in Rule 8 hereof shall be two shillings and sixpence, save that where an inspection fee has already been paid in respect of an application for a licence for the same bull no further fee shall be payable.

Conditions as to inspection and marking of Bulls

6. The following shall be the conditions as to inspection and marking of a bull :—

(1) A bull shall be inspected by an authorised officer of the Ministry, and for this purpose the Ministry may require the owner of a bull to make it available for inspection at any time and place that has been notified to the owner, and the owner shall provide reasonable facilities and assistance for the purpose of inspecting and marking the bull.

(2) At the time of inspection, a bull shall, for the purpose of identification, be marked on the right ear by an authorised officer of the Ministry or if that is impracticable, on some other appropriate place, with such mark as may be determined by the Ministry for this purpose.

(3) A bull deemed by an authorised officer of the Ministry to be suitable for a licence shall, in addition to the mark prescribed in paragraph (2) of this Rule, also be marked with such mark as may be registered by the Ministry for this purpose.

(4) In the case of a bull in respect of which a licence has been revoked, the mark prescribed in paragraph (3) of this Rule shall, if the Ministry considers it advisable to do so, be obliterated by an authorised officer of the Ministry as soon as possible after the revocation of the licence has been confirmed.

Forms of Licence and Permit

7.—(1) A licence granted under the Act shall be in accordance with or to the effect of such one of the forms L.1, L.2 or L.3 set out in the Sixth Schedule hereto as the Ministry may deem to be appropriate.

(2) A permit granted under the Act shall be in accordance with or to the effect of such one of the forms P.1 or P.2 set out in the Sixth Schedule hereto as the Ministry may deem to be appropriate.

Categories of Bulls eligible for Licence

8. For the purposes of sub-section (2A) (*a*) of section two of the Act, the following categories of bulls shall be eligible for licence :—

(1) Pedigree bulls of the breeds specified in Rule 9 hereof.

(2) Non-pedigree Shorthorn bulls.

Licensing standards for prescribed categories of Bulls

9.—(1) A licence in the form L.1, hereinafter known as a " Dual-purpose Licence ", shall be granted only in respect of a bull which is eligible both under paragraph (2) hereof for a " Beef Licence " and under paragraph (3) hereof for a " Dairy Licence ".

(2) A licence in the form L.2, hereinafter known as a " Beef Licence ", shall not be granted except in respect of a non-pedigree Shorthorn bull or a pedigree bull of any of the following breeds :—

Aberdeen Angus
Dun and Belted Galloway
Galloway
Hereford
Shorthorn

Provided that such a licence shall not be granted unless the bull otherwise conforms with the provisions of the Act.

(3) A licence in the form L.3, hereinafter known as a " Dairy Licence ", shall not be granted except in respect of a non-pedigree Shorthorn bull or a pedigree bull of any of the following breeds :—

Ayrshire
British Friesian
Guernsey
Irish Moiled
Jersey
Kerry
Red Poll
Shorthorn

Provided that such a licence shall not be granted in respect of any such bull unless the applicant for the licence shall submit to the Ministry for examination or produce for examination by an authorised officer of the Ministry when so required, the official milk records of such of the ancestors of the bull as shall from time to time be determined by the Ministry, and shall establish to the satisfaction of the Ministry or an authorised officer that those ancestors have attained the standards of milk and butterfat production which shall for the time being be fixed by the Ministry, and unless the bull otherwise conforms with the provisions of the Act. Unless the Ministry shall otherwise determine, the said ancestors shall be the dam of the bull in respect of which application is made, and the dam of the bull's sire, and the standards of milk and butterfat production shall be the appropriate standards as set out in the Seventh Schedule hereto :—

Provided further that in the case of a bull born prior to the 1st September, 1950, it shall not be required that its dam and the dam of its sire shall have attained the aforesaid standards of milk and butterfat production.

Change of Class of Licence or Permit

10. Where the dam or sire's dam of a bull licensed under paragraph (2) of Rule 9 hereof, or in respect of which a permit has been issued, subsequently attains a milk yield which would entitle the bull to be considered for a Dual-purpose Licence or a Dairy Licence, application for such a licence or permit may be made and shall be in the form or to the effect set out in the Eighth Schedule hereto ; but, save as hereby provided, no application for a licence or permit of one class in substitution for a licence or permit of a different class shall be made.

Saving of existing Licences

11. Any licence granted under the Live Stock Breeding (Northern Ireland) Rules, 1926, as amended by the Live Stock Breeding Amendment Rules (Northern Ireland), 1929, and the Live Stock Breeding Amendment Rules (Northern Ireland), 1941, shall not be rendered void by reason only of the revocation of these Rules, but shall remain valid notwithstanding such revocation until otherwise determined, revoked or invalidated.

Notices and Services thereof

12.—(1) Any notice required or authorised by these Rules shall be in writing.

(2) Any notice required or authorised by these Rules to be served shall be deemed to be sufficiently served if it is sent by post addressed to the person to be served at his last known place of abode or business and service shall be deemed to be made at the time at which the notice would in the ordinary course of post be delivered.