of the person to whom the notice relates in the conduct of the trade or business, or in any other trade or business concerned with the preparation or handling of food or drink for human consumption.

It shall be the duty of the person to whom any such notice is addressed to comply with the requirements of the notice."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-second day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty.

(L.S.) *J. E. Pittaway,*
Assistant Secretary.

Whalemeat for Human Consumption

REGULATIONS DATED 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1950, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1878 TO 1946 AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH (REGULATIONS AS TO FOOD) ACT, 1907.

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section one hundred and forty eight of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878 (**a**), the Public Health Act, 1896 (**b**), the Public Health (Regulations as to Food) Act, 1907 (**c**), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations, with the consent, so far as they apply to officers of Customs and Excise, of the Commissioners of H.M. Customs and Excise.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Whalemeat) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950, and shall come into operation on the sixth day of March, 1950.

PART I

General

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland;

"authority" means an authority charged with the duty of enforcing and executing these regulations;

"authorised officer" means, as respects any authority, the medical officer of health, sanitary officer, or any other officer of the authority, being a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, authorised by the authority in writing, either generally or specially to act in the enforcement and execution of these regulations;

"British Islands" means the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man;

(a) 41 & 42 V. c. 52. (b) 59 & 60 V. c. 19. (c) 7 E 7 c. 32.

" competent authority " means (1) a person appointed as such by the Minister of Food for the purpose of these regulations and (2) any authority having power under the laws in force in any country to examine articles of food and to certify as to their fitness for human consumption ;

" district " in relation to an authority means the area for which the authority acts ;

" export " means remove to a place not in the British Islands ;

" health authority " means a health authority constituted under the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, (in these regulations referred to as " the Act of 1946 ") (a) ;

" importer " in relation to any whalemeat or whalemeat product includes any person who, whether as owner, consignor, consignee, agent or broker, is in possession of or is in any way entitled to the custody or control of the whalemeat or whalemeat product ;
and " import " shall be construed accordingly ;

" justice " means justice of the peace ;

" medical officer of health " means a medical officer of health of a county or county borough appointed under section ten of the Act of 1946, or a medical officer of health of a port sanitary authority, as the case may be, and includes a deputy or assistant medical officer of health ;

" officer of Customs and Excise " includes any person acting under the authority of the Commissioners of H.M. Customs and Excise ;

" oversea " means brought from a place elsewhere than in the British Islands ;

" room " includes a shop or cellar or any other part of a building, and a shed, store or outbuilding or any part thereof ;

" sanitary officer " means a person appointed by a health authority under sub-section (3) of section twelve of the Act of 1946, or a sanitary sub-officer of a port sanitary authority, as the case may be ;

" stall " includes any stall, barrow or vehicle from which whalemeat or any whalemeat product is offered for sale in a street or other open space or in any market place ;

" uncertificated whalemeat or whalemeat product " means any whalemeat or whalemeat product imported into Northern Ireland for human consumption without a veterinary certificate ;

" vehicle " includes a railway or other van or waggon and a ship or barge but does not include any separate compartment thereof in which whalemeat or any whalemeat product is not being conveyed ;

(a) 1946 c. 19 (N.I.).

" veterinary certificate " means (*a*) a certificate given by a competent authority which relates to, or (*b*) a label, mark, stamp or other voucher which is affixed by a competent authority to, any oversea whalemeat or whalemeat product or to a package containing any such whalemeat or whalemeat product and which is for the time being recognised by the Ministry as certifying —

(i) that the whalemeat to which it relates or the whalemeat from which the whalemeat product to which it relates was prepared, was derived from whales inspected post-mortem and passed as fit for human consumption in accordance with criteria satisfactory to the Ministry ; and

(ii) that all necessary precautions for the prevention of danger to public health were taken in the preparation, packing, marking, storing and transporting of the whalemeat or whalemeat product in accordance with conditions satisfactory to the Ministry ;

" whalemeat " means the flesh or other part of a whale edible as human food ;

" whalemeat product " means any product used or prepared for human consumption which is prepared from whalemeat whether with or without another ingredient, but does not include whale-oil, whale liver oil, whalemeat extract, vitamin concentrates or pharmaceutical products.

(2) The recognition of a veterinary certificate for the purpose of these regulations shall be effected by means of a notice published in the *Belfast Gazette* which shall specify the conditions (if any) subject to which the certificate is recognised by the Ministry and any such notice may be varied or revoked by a subsequent notice published in the *Belfast Gazette*.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament of Northern Ireland.

3. Nothing in these regulations shall apply so as to interfere with the operation or effect of any other regulations for the time being in force and made under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878 (**a**), the Public Health Act, 1896 (**b**), the Public Health (Regulations as to Food) Act, 1907 (**c**), or those Acts as amended by any subsequent enactment.

4. The health authority shall enforce and execute these regulations in their district :

Provided that a port sanitary authority shall be the authority for enforcing and executing Parts II and V of the regulations in their district.

(a) 41 & 42 V. c. 52. (b) 59 & 60 V. c. 19. (c) 7 Ed. 7 c. 32.