(7) that each consignment is accompanied by a Return or Returns of Shipment as prescribed for licence-holders in Article 4 (2) of the Rules made under the above-mentioned Act.

* This condition applies only in the case of a grower.

Signed.....
Authorised Officer.

Date.....

NINTH SCHEDULE

Orders Revoked

1. The Marketing of Fruit Rules, Northern Ireland, 1947. (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland 1947 No. 158).
2. The Marketing of Fruit (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1948. (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland 1948 No. 18).
3. The Marketing of Fruit (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1948. (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland 1948 No. 284).

RULES, DATED THE 21ST NOVEMBER, 1949, 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).

1949. No. 198

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 hereby makes the following rules by way of amendment of the Marketing of Fruit Rules (Northern Ireland), 1949, (hereinafter referred to as the " Principal Rules ").

1. In the definition of " Grading " under " C " in the Third Schedule to the Principal Rules the words " The diameter of any apple shall not be less than $1\frac{3}{4}$ ins." shall be substituted for the words " The diameter of any apple shall not be less than $2\frac{1}{4}$ ins.".

2. The following shall be substituted for the Fourth Schedule to the Principal Rules :—

FOURTH SCHEDULE

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931

PART I

Packages and Packing Material

1. Apples shall be packed in any of the following containers, specifications for the construction of which are given below :—
   (1) Box " Z " for 46 to 54 lb.
   (2) Half-barrel (keg) for 56 to 62 lb.
   (3) Quarter-barrel (half-keg) for 34 to 36 lb.
   (4) Carton for 39 to 41 lb.

2. No packing materials may be used other than those specified in Part II of this Schedule, (Packing).

3. All packages and packing materials shall be clean and free from odours likely to affect the flavour of the apples.

Specification for Containers

1. *Box "Z"*

Internal Dimensions	20″ x 13½″ x 10″
Two Sides	21⅛″ x 10″ x 7/16″ in two pieces.
One Bottom	21⅛″ x 13½″ x 7/16″ in three pieces.
Four Posts	10¾″ x 2″ x 2″ diagonally cut.
Two Ends	13½″ x 9″ x 9/16″ in three pieces. The space between any two boards must not exceed ½″. In addition a further opening must be cut at an equal distance from each end at the top of each middle board ½″ deep and approximately 3½″ wide. Alternatively, 1″ space may be left between the middle and top boards at each end provided that a smooth chamfer is made along the whole of the inside edge of each of the four boards (two at each end). The chamfer must leave a thickness at the edge of not more than 5/16″ or less than ¼″ and have a face not more than ⅝″ or less than ⅜″. The space between the middle and bottom boards at each end must not exceed ½″.
One Lid	21⅜″ x 13½″ x 3/16″ in three pieces with corners diagonally cut.
Two Cleats for Lid	9½″ x ¾″ x ¼″.
Two Battens on the ends as hand grips	6″ to 10″ x 1½″ x ½″.

All the above measurements must be actual, not nominal.

All timber must be clean, dry and free from bark, wane and feather.

Timber which is not liable to split when nailed must be used in the corner posts, the lid, the cleats and in the top board in each end.

Fourteen gauge 1½″ cement-coated wire nails only must be used throughout, save for fixing battens.

After the apples are packed, the lid must be nailed through the cleats to the ends of the box and further secured by wire round the box at each end.

2. *Half-barrel (Keg)*

(*a*) Grape Barrel

Internal dimensions

Minimum diameter of head	14½″
Minimum length between heads	16½″
Minimum diameter at bulge	16″

(*b*) Standard 112 lb. Butter Cask

Internal dimensions

Minimum diameter of head	13¼″
Minimum length between heads	19½″
Minimum diameter at bulge	15¾″

3. *Quarter-barrel (Half-Keg)*

"Standard 56 lb. Butter Cask"

Internal dimensions

Minimum diameter of head	11¼″
Minimum length between heads	19½″
Minimum diameter at bulge	13″

4. *Carton*

Internal dimensions	18″ x 12½″ x 10½″
Construction	Case to be a metal stitched case made from one sheet of double faced corrugated fibreboard, each face being .02″ Kraft paper; inside flaps at top and bottom to meet and outside flaps to overlap. Two ventilation holes each ½ inch in diameter to be located 6 ins. apart in each end. The completed case must comply with Railway Clearing House specifications for fibreboard containers suitable for 60 lb. weight of goods.

Dividing Pieces	Two scored dividing pieces to separate the case to two equal compartments must be used, each piece being made of a double wall of double faced corrugated fibreboard with the inside face of .016″ Kraft and the outside face of .014 Chipboard.
Fastening	The outside bottom flaps of the case must be sealed before packing, sodium silicate being used as an adhesive. After packing, outside top flaps must be folded over, not sealed, and secured with two wires or bands round the case placed between 2 ins. and 4 ins. from each end.

PART II

Packing

1. Only apples of the same variety shall be packed in any one container.

2. Apples packed in any container shall be so packed that any fruit exposed to view, or which would be exposed to view if the container were opened in the ordinary manner, fairly represents in size, maturity and condition the entire contents of the container.

3. *Box* " Z "

(*a*) A sheet of corrugated cardboard, of a quality not less than 30 lb. to the roll, shall be placed smooth side next the fruit below the bottom layer and at each end of the box and another sheet above the top layer of applles, and no substitute for corrugated cardboard shall be used. The sides of the box may be lined with plain paper, if so desired.

(*b*) The apples shall be firmly packed in the box and there shall be sufficient bulge on the top of the box to ensure that when the lid is nailed down the apples are held firmly in position.

4. *Half-barrel* (*Keg*) *and quarter-barrel* (*Half-Keg*)

(*a*) Wooden-headed

A single disc of corrugated cardboard, smooth side to the fruit, or a single sheet of paper shall be placed below the bottom layer and one above the top layer of apples in the barrel. No other packing material shall be used. The first two layers of apples placed in the barrel shall be packed by hand in the manner known to the trade as " ringed in." The remainder of the apples shall be firmly packed so that when the head of the barrel is fixed all the fruit will be securely held in position.

(*b*) Open-headed

The apples shall be packed firmly in the barrel. No other packing save a single disc of corrugated cardboard, smooth side to the fruit, or a sheet of paper shall be placed below the bottom layer. When the barrel has been filled up to at least six inches of the top the inside shall be lined with paper which shall be folded over the rim of the barrel. When the barrel has been filled the overlapping paper shall be used to cover the top of the apples. A layer of wood-wool of sufficient thickness shall be placed on top of this paper to ensure that the cover with which the apples in the barrel shall be secured shall not damage the apples. Alternatively, clean, dry hay or straw or other material that will not taint the fruit may be used provided it is secured in such manner as not to damage the apples.

5. *Carton*

(*a*) Only apples of " F." and " E.F." standard may be packed in this container.

(*b*) No additional packing material is required.

(*c*) The apples shall be firmly packed in the two compartments so that when the two flaps constituting the lid are secured the fruit is held firmly in position.

(*d*) The lid shall be secured by means of two wires or two bands, one at each end of the carton. Each wire or band shall be not less than 2 ins. or more than 4 ins. from the end of the carton.

PART III

Marking

1. Each box " Z " shall be clearly and indelibly stamped or stencilled on the lid with letters and figures at least 1 inch high and each half-barrel or quarter-barrel shall be marked either on the side or head or on a label firmly attached thereto with :—

(*a*) the number of licence or permit held by the person who sends the apples out of Northern Ireland ;
(*b*) the variety ;
(*c*) the description " C ", " F " or " E.F."

2. Each box " Z " shall be clearly and indelibly stamped or stencilled on the lid with the letters " AZ " or " BZ " not less than 1 inch high according as it contains respectively :—

(*a*) not less than 50 lbs. net weight or more than 54 lbs. net weight of apples ; or
(*b*) not less than 46 lbs. net weight or more than 50 lbs. net weight of apples.

Provided that paragraph 2 of this Part of this Schedule shall not apply where the contents of the box are sold by weight and the net weight of such contents is clearly and indelibly stamped or stencilled on the lid, in plain letters and figures not less than 1 inch high.

3. Each carton shall be clearly printed or stamped on the two ends in letters and figures not less than one half inch high with :—

(*a*) the number of the licence or permit held by the person who sends the apples out of Northern Ireland ;
(*b*) the variety ;
(*c*) the description " Fancy " or " Extra Fancy " ;
(*d*) net weight of apples.

3. The following shall be substituted for the Eighth Schedule (B) to the Principal Rules :—

EIGHT SCHEDULE (B) M.F.4(A).

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

Permit No.....

Permit for Ungraded Fruit

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is hereby granted permission to send ungraded apples from Northern Ireland to Great Britain or the Isle of Man on the following conditions :—

(1) that the apples are in marketable condition ;
(2) that the apples are packed in bags or such other containers as may be approved by the Ministry ;
(3) that not more than 5 per cent. of the apples in any one container shall be equal to or above " C " standard ;
(4) that where bags are used the weight of apples in each bag shall not exceed 1 cwt. ;
(5) that each bag is clearly and indelibly labelled and each other container clearly and indelibly marked with the words " Ungraded apples for manufacture " ;
(6) that the fruit is sent only for manufacturing purposes ;
(7) that the number of this permit is clearly shown on each container in the consignment ;
(8) that each consignment is accompanied by a Return or Returns of Shipment as prescribed for licence-holders in Article 4 (3) of the Rules made under the above-mentioned Act.

Signed.....
Authorised Officer.

Date.....

4. These Rules shall come into operation on the Twenty-First day of November, 1949.

5. These Rules may be cited as the Marketing of Fruit (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1949, and shall be construed as one with the Principal Rules.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this Twenty-First day of November, Nineteen hundred and forty-nine, in the presence of

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

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Agricultural Development Scheme

SCHEME DATED SEPTEMBER, 16TH, 1949, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 6 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949 (a).

1949. No. 163

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by subsection (1) of section 6 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme :—

Short Title

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Agricultural Development Scheme, 1949.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them :—

" the Act " means the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949 ;

" agricultural land " shall have the same meaning as in the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, but shall not include any land used primarily or mainly for the growing and raising of flowers, or for nursery stock, or for woodlands ;

" approved cost " means the cost of the work as approved by the Ministry for the purpose of making a grant ;

(a) 12 & 13 Geo. 6, ch. 2