Existing permits and directions to continue effective.

6. Any permit granted or direction given by the Minister of Fuel and Power under the provisions of the Gas Charges Order, 1947 (**a**), or deemed by Article six of that Order to have been so granted or given, which is effective in relation to an undertaking in Northern Ireland at the date of the coming into force of this Order, shall be deemed to have been granted or given by the Ministry under the corresponding provision of this Order; and shall have effect accordingly.

Commencement and citation.

7. This Order shall come into force on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and may be cited as the Gas Charges (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 28th day of April, 1949, in the presence of

(L S.) *W. Crone*,
Assistant Secretary.

Land Cultivation : Grass Seeds and Fertilisers

THE GRASS SEEDS AND FERTILISERS (NORTHERN IRELAND) GENERAL ORDER, 1949, DATED FEBRUARY 21, 1949, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER REGULATION 62 OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939, AS HAVING EFFECT BY VIRTUE OF THE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES (TRANSITIONAL POWERS) ACT, 1945 (**b**), AS EXTENDED BY THE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES (EXTENDED PURPOSES) ACT, 1947 (**c**).

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In exercise of the powers under Regulation 62 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, delegated to it by the Delegation of Emergency Powers (Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order, 1943 (**d**), made by the Secretary of State under paragraph (1) of Regulation 102A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945 (**b**), as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947 (**c**), and of all other powers it enabling, the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland hereby orders and directs as follows :—

1. In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

(a) S. R. & O. 1947 (No. 2242) II p. 1090 ; and see S. R. & O. 1947 (No. 2832) II p. 1093.
(b) 9 and 10 Geo. 6 Ch. 10 ; and S. R. & O. 1945 (No. 1621) II, p. 52.
(c) 10 and 11 Geo. 6 Ch. 55.
(d) S. R. & O. 1943 (No. 1344) II, p. 1725.

" concentrated superphosphate " means superphosphate of lime containing not less than 42 per centum by weight of water soluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) ;

" holding " means the land held by an occupier ;

" land " means land with respect to the cultivation, management or use of which for agricultural purposes the Ministry has power to give directions under paragraph (1) of the principal Regulation ;

" occupier " means the person rated or liable to be rated to the poor rate in respect of the holding, or who would be so rated or liable to be rated but for the provisions of section one of the Local Government (Rating and Finance) Act (Northern Ireland), 1929, and includes, in relation to any holding the occupier of which is absent from Northern Ireland, any agent or other person entrusted with the management of the land on his behalf ;

" ordinary superphosphate " means superphosphate of lime containing not less than 15.5 or more than 18.5 per centum by weight of water soluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) ;

" principal Regulation " means Regulation 62 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 ;

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

2. The occupier shall not allow any land comprised in his holding which has been ploughed to return to grass in the year 1949 or any subsequent year during which this Order continues in force without sowing the land with grass and clover seeds in accordance with the next succeeding Article of this Order.

3. Subject to the provisions of this Article every occupier who sows down any land comprised in his holding to grass, whether with or without a nurse crop, in the year 1949 or any subsequent year during which this Order continues in operation, shall sow on the land a grass and clover seeds mixture in which—

(*a*) at least 20 lb. of Ryegrasses, and
(*b*) at least 3 lb. of Cocksfoot, and
(*c*) at least 3 lb. of Timothy, and
(*d*) at least $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of Wild White Clover of United Kingdom origin or White Clover certified by the New Zealand Government Department of Agriculture as of " Mother Seed " or as of " Permanent Pasture " standard,

is present in the quantity of seed sown on each statute acre :

Provided that the provisions of this Article—

(i) shall not apply in relation to any land, wherever situate, which has been sown down with commercially pure Italian Ryegrass or commercially pure Crested Dogstail ; and