THE TILLAGE (NORTHERN IRELAND) GENERAL ORDER, 1948, DATED NOVEMBER 9, 1948, 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 (a), AS EXTENDED BY THE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES (EXTENDED PURPOSES) ACT, 1947 (b).

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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 (c), 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 (a), as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947 (b), 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 :—

" agricultural purposes " has the same meaning as it has for the purposes of paragraph (1) of the principal Regulation ;

" arable " means cultivated or, in the opinion of the Ministry, capable of being cultivated ;

" 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 (d), 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 ;

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

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

(a) 9 and 10 Geo. 6 Ch. 10, and S. R. & O. 1945 (No. 1621) II. p. 52
(b) 10 and 11 Geo. 6, Ch. 55.
(c) S. R. & O. 1943 (No. 1344) II. p. 1725
(d) 20 Geo. 5, Ch. 10 (N.I.).

2. Every occupier of arable land in Northern Ireland shall cultivate and maintain in cultivation for the purpose of producing crops for harvesting in the year 1949 at least three-tenths of the arable area comprised in his holding :

Provided that—

(*a*) in the case of land situate in any of the townlands in the County of Antrim, or wards in the County Borough of Belfast, specified in the Schedule to this Order, or situate in the County of Fermanagh, the occupier shall not be required by virtue of this Article to cultivate and maintain in cultivation a portion thereof exceeding one-fifth in extent of the total arable area of such land ;

(*b*) nothing in this Article shall prejudice or affect the operation of any directions with respect to the cultivation, management or use of land for agricultural purposes which the Ministry may give by notice under paragraph 1 (*b*) of the principal Regulation.

3. For the purpose of the directions contained in this Order—

(1) the expression " cultivate and maintain in cultivation " means do in sufficient time and in accordance with the proper methods of husbandry, to the satisfaction of the Ministry, all the following things in relation to land, that is to say :—

(*a*) till the land, and

(*b*) sow or plant and produce on such land—

(i) a crop (other than grass, clover or a mixture of grasses and clovers) capable of being harvested for human or animal food, or

(ii) a crop of flax, and

(*c*) sever such crops from the soil ;

(2) where land has been ploughed and sown in the year 1948 with a crop usually sown in the autumn, other than grass, clover or a mixture of grasses and clovers, for harvesting in the year 1949, such land shall be deemed to have been cultivated ;

(3) where land has been ploughed and sown in the year 1949 with a crop usually sown in the autumn for harvesting in the year 1950, such land shall not be deemed to have been cultivated ;

(4) cultivation by any person under a letting in conacre made by the occupier shall be deemed to be cultivation by the occupier.

4. Where any arable land comprised in a holding—

(*a*) is under a crop of cereals or flax in the year 1949, and

(*b*) was cropped with cereals or flax in each of the years 1946, 1947 and 1948 ;

the occupier shall sow the said land down to grass before the thirty-first day of May, 1949.

5.—(1) An occupier of land situate in the County of Fermanagh shall before the thirty-first day of March, 1949, apply to an area of his existing grassland, equivalent to three-tenths of his arable land, a dressing at the rate of eight hundredweights of basic slag or five hundredweights of ground rock phosphate or five hundredweights of semsol or five hundredweights of ordinary superphosphate or two hundredweights of concentrated superphosphate for each statute acre.

(2) A person shall not, in the year 1949, plant potatoes on any land situate in the County of Fermanagh unless, before planting, he has applied to each statute acre of such land (and so in proportion for areas greater or less than a statute acre) a dressing consisting of any one of the following mixtures :—

(*a*) 1 cwt. sulphate of ammonia
4 ,, ordinary superphosphate
1 ,, 60% muriate of potash

(*b*) 1 cwt. sulphate of ammonia
4 ,, ordinary superphosphate
1¼ ,, 50% muriate of potash

(*c*) 1 cwt. sulphate of ammonia
4 ,, ordinary superphosphate
1½ ,, 40% potash manure

(*d*) 1 cwt. sulphate of ammonia
1¾ ,, concentrated superphosphate
1 ,, 60% muriate of potash

(*e*) 1 cwt. sulphate of ammonia
1¾ ,, concentrated superphosphate
1¼ ,, 50% muriate of potash

(*f*) 1 cwt. sulphate of ammonia
1¾ ,, concentrated superphosphate
1½ ,, 40% potash manure

(3) In this Article the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

" 60% muriate of potash " means muriate of potash containing not less than 60 per centum potash (K_2 O) ;

" 50% muriate of potash " means muriate of potash containing not less than 50 per centum potash (K_2 O) ;

" 40% potash manure " means a potash manure containing not less than 40 per centum potash (K_2 O) ;

" ordinary superphosphate " means superphosphate of lime containing not less than 15.5 per centum by weight or not more than 18.5 per centum by weight of water soluble phosphoric acid (P_2 O_5) ;