Order, 1933, and amended by the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1934; the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1934; the Agricultural Marketing (Northern Ireland) (Compensation) Order, 1934; the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1935; the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1935; the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1939; the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1939; the Bacon Industry Act (Northern Ireland), 1939; the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 1939; the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1940, and the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1940, shall have effect with the following amendment :—

Paragraph 28 (*a*) of the said Scheme shall be amended by the deletion therefrom of the following words :—" and in particular shall keep a separate Administrative Account and a separate Trading Account ".

2. This Order may be cited as the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1948, and shall come into operation on 1st January, 1949.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 10th day of September, nineteen hundred and forty-eight in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. McAllan,*
Assistant Secretary.

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Artificial Insemination of Cattle

REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH JULY, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 10 OF THE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947 (1947. Ch. 17).

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The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 10 of the Artificial Insemination of Animals Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

Definitions

1. In these Regulations :—

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

" Cow " includes heifer ;

" Artificial Insemination Centre " means any premises used for the purpose of providing a service for the artificial insemination of cows with semen collected under the control of the licensee.

Control of Insemination

2.—(1) No person shall distribute or sell bull semen except under the authority of a licence issued by the Ministry and in accordance with such conditions (if any) as may be attached thereto ;

(2) Nothing in these Regulations shall be deemed to prohibit or restrict the artificial insemination of a cow in the same ownership as the bull from which the semen is collected.

3. A licence authorising the distribution and sale of bull semen from an artificial insemination centre shall be subject to the following conditions and to such other conditions, if any, as may be specified in the licence :—

(*a*) All the operations shall be under the effective supervision and control of a Veterinary Surgeon approved by the Ministry for the purpose.

(*b*) No person shall be employed in the collection and storage of semen and in the performance of the operation of artificial insemination unless approved by the Ministry for that purpose.

(*c*) The premises on which the semen is collected and stored, and the equipment used for and the methods employed in the collection and storage of semen shall be approved by the Ministry.

(*d*) No semen shall be collected from a bull unless the bull has been approved for the time being by the Ministry for the purpose.

(*e*) The licensee shall ensure that each cow artificially inseminated, if not already identifiable by means of a tattooed ear-mark, is tattooed, at the time of the first insemination, in one ear with such mark as will enable it to be identified.

(*f*) The licensee shall ensure that each calf resulting from an artificial insemination with semen supplied by the centre is tattooed in one ear within one month of birth with a sufficient identification mark.

(*g*) The licensee shall keep a record showing, in respect of each bull approved by the Ministry, the date and place of each artificial insemination of a cow, the name and address of the

owner thereof, the breed and name or other sufficient identification of the cow, and the date of birth, sex and sufficient identification of the resultant progeny. Such records shall be open at all reasonable times to inspection by any authorised officer of the Ministry, who shall be at liberty to make any copy thereof or extract therefrom.

4. The Ministry may, at its discretion, grant a licence authorising the distribution or sale of bull semen other than from an artificial insemination centre for any purpose approved by it, subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the licence.

Movement of Semen into Northern Ireland

5. An application for a licence authorising the bringing into Northern Ireland of bull semen shall be, in the form set out in the First Schedule hereto or such other form as the Ministry may from time to time determine.

6. Every consignment of bull semen brought into Northern Ireland shall be accompanied by one copy of a certificate in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto or such other form as the Ministry may from time to time determine, signed by a Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the Government of the country of origin. The original of the certificate shall be forwarded by post to the Ministry at Stormont, Belfast. In the case of consignments brought into Northern Ireland by post the accompanying authenticated copy of the certificate shall be affixed to the outside of the package.

7. (*a*) The licensee shall ensure that each cow artificially inseminated, if not already identifiable by means of a tattooed ear-mark, is tattooed, at the first insemination, in one ear with such mark as will enable it to be identified.

(*b*) The licensee shall ensure that each calf resulting from an artificial insemination is tattooed in one ear within one month of birth with a sufficient identification mark.

8. The licensee shall keep a record showing the country and place of origin of the bull semen, the breed and name or other sufficient identification of the bull from which the semen was obtained, the date on which the collection of semen was made, the date and place of each artificial insemination of a cow with a part or the whole of the semen, the breed and name or other sufficient identification of each cow inseminated, the date of birth, sex and sufficient identification of the resultant progeny, and such other matters as the Ministry may from time to time determine. All such records shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by any authorised Officer of the Ministry who shall be at liberty to make any copy thereof or extract therefrom.

9. No person shall perform the operation of artificial insemination with bull semen brought into Northern Ireland under the authority of a licence unless approved by the Ministry for that purpose.