Land Cultivation: Grass Seeds and Fertilisers.

ORDER, DATED 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1944, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER REGULATION 62 OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

1944. No. 80.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (in this Order referred to as " the Ministry "), by virtue and 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, made by the Secretary of State under paragraph (1) of Regulation 102A of the said Regulations, hereby orders and directs as follows :—

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

" 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 ;

" Principal Regulation " means Regulation 62 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

2. The occupier shall not allow any land comprised in his holding which has been ploughed to return to grass in the year 1944 or any subsequent year during which this Order continues in operation without sowing the land with grass or clover seeds.

3.—(1) Every occupier who sows down any land comprised in his holding to grass, with or without a nurse crop, in the year 1944 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