2. These Regulations may be cited as the Pig Industry Council (Election of Members) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1944, and shall be construed as one with the Pig Industry Council (Election of Members) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1936 and 1940.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this twenty-second day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-four, in the presence of

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

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE (GRADING AND MARKETING).

Marketing of Fruit.

Apples.

THE MARKETING OF FRUIT (AMENDMENT) RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1944, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1944. [Revoked by S. R. O. 1944. No. 70, below].

1944. No. 37.

RULES, DATED THE 4TH AUGUST, 1944, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 12 AND 15 OF THE MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931 (21 AND 22 GEO. V, c. 8).

1944. No. 70.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Sections Twelve and 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, that is to say :—

Definitions.

1. In these Rules unless the context shall require a different construction :—

(1) the expression " Ministry " shall mean the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland ;

(2) the expression " prescribed " shall mean prescribed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland ;

(3) the expression " authorised " shall mean authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland.

Application.

2. These Rules shall apply to apples only.

Licences.

3.—(1) Application for a licence shall be made in the form or to the effect stated in the First Schedule to these Rules.

(2) A licence shall be in the form or to the effect stated in the Second Schedule to these Rules.

Conditions to be observed by Persons granted Licences when consigning Apples from Northern Ireland under the Authority of a Licence.

4.—(1) Apples sent by licence-holders from Northern Ireland to Great Britain or the Isle of Man under the authority of a licence shall be—

(*a*) graded and be of the standards of quality as laid down in the Third Schedule to these Rules, and

(*b*) packed and marked as laid down in the Fourth Schedule to these Rules.

Provided that between the fourth day of August and the thirtieth day of September, 1944, apples may be consigned in box "X" as specified in the Fifth Schedule to these Rules, instead of in any of the containers specified in the Fourth Schedule thereto, if they are packed and marked in the manner laid down in the Fifth Schedule.

(2) A licence-holder shall, with each consignment of apples dispatched to Great Britain or the Isle of Man, furnish to the carrier or person conveying the apples a Return to accompany the consignment in the form or to the effect stated in the Sixth Schedule to these Rules. Where such consignment is loaded in two or more vehicles, the licence-holder shall furnish a separate Return in respect of each vehicle. Where such consignment, loaded in one vehicle, includes lots consigned to two or more consignees, the licence-holder shall furnish a separate Return in respect of each such lot.

Permits.

5.—(1) Application for a permit may be made in the form or to the effect stated in the Seventh Schedule (A or B) to these Rules.

(2) A Permit may be in the form or to the effect stated in the Eighth Schedule (A or B) to these Rules.

Shipment of Apples below "C" Standard.

6. Notwithstanding any provisions of these Rules, apples which fail to reach the requirements for Standard "C" as specified in the Third Schedule to these Rules, may be shipped between the Second day of October, 1944, and the Thirty-first day of May, 1945, for the fresh fruit market to Great Britain or the Isle of Man, subject to the following conditions :—

(1) Consignments shall be packed only in box "X", the specification of which is given in the Fifth Schedule to these Rules, and shall conform to the other requirements laid down in that Schedule, save those of paragraphs 2 of Part II and 2 (*a*) of Part III thereof.

(2) Each consignment shall be accompanied by a Return or Returns of Shipment as prescribed for licence-holders in Section (2) of Article 4 of these Rules and in the Sixth Schedule thereto.

Grade Designations.

7. The Ministry hereby prescribes the designations "C", "F" and "E.F." referred to in the Third Schedule to these Rules as grade designations for the purposes of Section 10 of the Act and the standards as to quality laid down in the Third and Fourth Schedules to these Rules shall be the definition of quality referred to in the Act as the "statutory definition".

Small Consignments.

8. The provisions of the Act shall not apply to consignments of apples sent from Northern Ireland weighing not more than one and a half hundredweights.

Containers for Apples Sold or offered or exposed for sale within Northern Ireland to a retailer for the purpose of resale by him.

9. On a sale or offer or exposure for sale of apples within Northern Ireland by any person to a retailer for the purpose of resale by him, such aforesaid person shall mark or cause to be marked on each package or container in which the apples are sold, offered or exposed for sale, or delivered to the retailer, or on a label firmly attached to the package or container, a statement in plain words, and in figures not less than 1" high, specifying the net weight of apples contained therein when so sold, offered or exposed for sale or delivered to the retailer.

Revocation.

10. Rules specified in the Ninth Schedule to these Rules are hereby revoked provided that such revocation shall not affect :—

(*a*) the previous operation of these Rules or anything duly done or suffered thereunder ; or

(*b*) any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under these Rules ; or

(*c*) any penalty incurred in respect of any offence committed against these Rules ; or

(*d*) any investigation, legal proceedings or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability or penalty as aforesaid ; and any such investigation, legal proceeding or

remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced, and any such penalty may be imposed as if these Rules had not been made.

Commencement.

11. These Rules shall come into operation on the fourth day of August, 1944.

Short Title.

12. These Rules may be cited as the Marketing of Fruit (Consolidation) Rules, Northern Ireland, 1944.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this fourth day of August, Nineteen hundred and forty-four, in the presence of

(L.S.)

(Signed) *J. Pimlott,*
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

M.F. 1.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE UNDER THE MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

(1) I/We .....
hereby apply for a Licence under the above-mentioned Act to send fruit to Great Britain or the Isle of Man.

(2) I/We enclose herewith cheque for £1 being the annual fee prescribed by the above-mentioned Act for a Licence.

(3) I/We hereby undertake, in the event of a Licence being granted to me/us to comply with the provisions of the above-mentioned Act and of the Rules made thereunder and with such Rules and directions as the Ministry may from time to time issue.

Signature of Applicant(s).....

Full Postal Address .....

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Date.....

To The Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Stormont,
Belfast.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

M.F. 2.

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

Licence Number.....

LICENCE.

This is to certify that.....
of.....in the County
of.....is/are licensed under the above-mentioned Act to send fruit to Great Britain or the Isle of Man, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder and with such Rules and directions as the Ministry may from time to time issue.

This licence is valid up to and including the.....day of..... 194 , after which date it is invalid.

Dated this.....day of.....194 .

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Authorised Officer.

G. S. ROBERTSON,
Secretary.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

STANDARDS OF GRADING AND QUALITY.

"C".

Grading.	*Quality.*
For apples of the same variety and of a reasonably uniform shape. The diameter of any apple shall not be less than 2 inches.	Apples shall be free from such blemishes or mechanical injuries as are calculated to impair their keeping qualities. Skin blemishes shall not exceed a total area of ¾ inch square on any one apple.

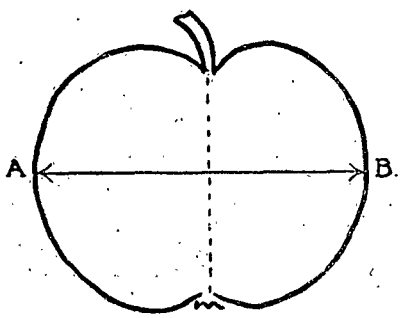
"F".

Grading.	*Quality.*
For apples of the same variety and of a shape and colour normally found in that variety. The diameter of any apple in this grade shall not be less than 2½ inches.	Apples shall be free from such blemishes or mechanical injuries as are calculated to impair their keeping qualities. Skin blemishes shall not exceed a total area of ½ inch square on any one apple.

"E.F."

Grading.	*Quality.*
For apples of the same variety and of a shape and colour normally found in that variety. The diameter of any apple in this grade shall not be less than 2¾ inches.	Apples shall be free from such blemishes or mechanical injuries as are calculated to impair their keeping qualities. The skin to be free from blemishes other than those characteristic of the variety.

N.B.—The diameter as referred to above means the longest transverse dimension taken at right angles to a line running from the eye (blossom) to the stem as shown in the following illustration :—



The diameter of the apple in above sketch is the distance between the points A and B.

Tolerance to be allowed in above standards.

In order to allow for variations incidental to grading and handling, a consignment of apples in containers marked as being of any of the above standards shall be deemed to comply with that standard both as regards grading and quality, if in each one of such