Horticultural Cropping

ORDER, DATED 23RD OCTOBER, 1943, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER REGULATION 62 OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

1943. No. 117.

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, 1943, made by the Secretary of State under paragraph (1) of Regulation 102A of the said Regulations, hereby orders as follows :—

1. Except in so far as the Ministry may otherwise agree in writing the occupier of any glasshouses on land occupied by him shall comply with the following directions :—

(*a*) No permanent crops shall after the date of this Order be planted in any glasshouse.

(*b*) In any glasshouse which is at the date of this Order planted wholly or partly with permanent crops being fruit crops, an undercrop of tomatoes to the fullest extent reasonably possible shall, so long as such permanent crops remain, be grown annually in such glasshouse.

(*c*) Any glasshouses which are not at the date of this Order planted wholly or partly with permanent crops being fruit crops shall, except to the extent specified in the Schedule to this Order, be used only for the production of tomatoes, mustard and cress, lettuce, endive, radishes, rhubarb, or chicory, or for sprouting seed potatoes or for raising young plants of tomatoes or vegetables ; and (except to the extent aforesaid) tomatoes shall be grown for at least six consecutive months during the year to the exclusion of other crops.

2. This Order shall not apply to public parks, or to land owned or occupied by local authorities and used for producing flower crops in or in conjunction with cemeteries or to any botanic garden or to any private garden or allotment which is used wholly or mainly by the occupier for the production of crops for the use or consumption of himself and his household and not for sale, or to any allotment garden.

3. In this Order—

" Glasshouses " does not include horticultural frames or glass cloches.

" Land " means any land used for agricultural purposes.

" Permanent crops " means crops planted in the land and normally grown for a period of more than one year and includes grapes, peaches, figs, carnations and roses.