RULES, DATED THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1939, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION SEVEN OF THE MARKETING OF EGGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1924.

1939. No. 120.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section Seven of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland), 1924, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Rules, that is to say :—

Amendment of the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1939.

1.—The Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1939(**a**), shall have effect as if :—

for the specifications for No. 3 Standard Case and No. 3 Standard Case (Large) set out in Part I of the Schedule there were substituted the specifications set out in the Schedule to these Rules.

Citation, Construction and Commencement.

2.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Marketing of Eggs (No. 3) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1939.

(2) These Rules shall be construed as one with the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938(**b**); the Marketing of Eggs (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938(**c**); the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1939(**a**); and the Marketing of Eggs (No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1939(**d**), and shall be included among the Rules which may be cited together as the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938 to 1939.

(3) These Rules shall come into operation on the 1st day of October, 1939.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture is hereunto affixed this 8th day of September, Nineteen hundred and Thirty-nine.

(L.S.) (Signed) *D. A. E. Harkness*,
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

No. 3 STANDARD CASE.

This case is designed for 3 hd. (360) hen eggs of the "Selected" or "Standard" Grades.

(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1939, No. 21.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1938, No. 10.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1938, No. 134.
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1939, No. 78.

Description :

The case shall be made in two equal compartments and in accordance with the following specifications :—

Internal Dimensions Each Compartment to be not less than			Timber Dimensions to be not less than											
			Top and Bottom Boards				Side Boards				Centre Division Boards		End Boards			
			Centre Boards		Other Boards		Centre Boards		Other Boards				Centre Boards		Other Boards	
Length	Width	Depth	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick	Wide	Thick
11⅝"	11⅝"	13¼"	4"	7/16"	3½"	5/16"	4½"	5/16"	4"	5/16"	6"	7/16"	4½"	7/16"	3"	7/16"

Ends :

Each end shall consist of three boards fixed upright, one of which shall be placed exactly in the middle of the end, and shall be not less than 4½ inches wide. To the end boards shall be nailed cross battens measuring not less than 12½ inches by 2 inches by 7/16 inch thick, two on each end, fixed externally, one across the bottoms of the end boards and the other as close to the tops of the end boards as the construction of the lid permits. The ends of the battens shall be flush with the outer sides of the side boards.

Centre Division :

To be made of one or more boards and be not less than 13¼ inches deep and 11⅝ inches wide. The division shall be fixed in the centre of the case secured by nails driven through the side and bottom boards.

Spacing :

The spacing between any two adjoining boards throughout the case shall nowhere exceed ⅜ inch, except between the centre division boards.

In constructing the tops and bottoms of cases *two boards* may be used instead of three provided that the spacing does not exceed ¾ inch.

When spacing is provided between any two side boards, it shall be arranged so as to prevent any of the flats working through.

Nails and Nailing :

Not less than two nails shall be used in each end of each board including the cross battens, and an additional nail shall be used at each end of a board, for every 3 inches or part of 3 inches by which the board exceeds 5 inches in width.

The nails for making up No. 3 Standard Case shall be not less than 1½ inches of 14 gauge, except for the construction of the ends when 1¾ inches of 14 gauge shall be used.

Nails shall be cement-coated and shall be driven askew the grain of the wood.

No. 3 Standard Case (Large).

This case is designed for 3 hd. (360) hen eggs of the "Special" or "Extra Special" grades or duck eggs.

The construction of this case is the same as that of the foregoing case (No. 3 Standard) with the exception of the following details and, with the necessary modifications, shall be constructed in like manner to that case.