Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 21st day of July, 1939.

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Assistant Secretary.

LIVE STOCK BREEDING.

Licensing of Boars.

RULES, DATED 24TH DAY OF JULY, 1939, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922 (12 AND 13 GEO. 5, CH. 12).

1939. No. 108.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in it under the Live Stock Breeding Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, makes the following Rules, that is to say :—

Short Title.

1.—These Rules may be cited as the Live Stock (Boars) Breeding (Northern Ireland) Rules, 1939.

Definitions.

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

(1) The expression " Act " shall mean the Live Stock Breeding Act (Northern Ireland), 1922.

(2) The expression " the Ministry " shall mean the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland.

(3) The expression " Owner " shall have the same meaning as in the Act.

(4) Words in the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular.

(5) The expression " boar " shall mean an uncastrated male pig of the prescribed age.

(6) The expression " writing " shall include print and writing or print produced by any mechanical or chemical process.

(7) The expression " certified " means certified by the Registrar of Licences or other duly authorised officer of the Ministry.

Prescribed Age of Boars.

3.—For the purpose of the Act and of these Rules boars shall be deemed to be of the prescribed age when they attain the age of

six months, provided however that boars farrowed in the months of July, August, and September, 1939, shall be deemed to attain the prescribed age on the 31st January, 1940.

Application for Licence.

4.—The first application for a licence to keep a boar shall be made in the form or to the effect stated at (A) in the Schedule to these Rules and shall be lodged with the Ministry not later than two months before the boar attains the prescribed age.

Conditions as to Inspection and Examination.

5.—The Ministry may notify in such manner as it thinks fit the arrangements for the inspection and examination of boars for licences, and the owners shall provide all reasonable facilities for the inspection and examination of their boars in accordance with such arrangements, provided that a boar that has previously been inspected for any other purposes on behalf of the Ministry may, with the consent of the Ministry, be exempted from the inspection and examination prescribed by this Rule.

Notices and Services thereof.

6.—(1) Any notice required or authorised by these Rules shall be in writing.

(2) Any notice required or authorised by these Rules to be served shall be deemed to be sufficiently served if it is sent by post addressed to the person to be served at his last known place of abode or business and service shall be deemed to be made at the time at which the notice would in the ordinary course of post be delivered.

Form of Licence.

7.—A licence to keep a boar shall be in the form or to the effect stated at (B) in the Schedule to the Rules.

Fee for Licence.

8.—The fee payable for a licence to keep a boar shall be two shillings and sixpence.

Permit to Keep an Unlicensed Boar for Fattening.

9.—(1) The owner of a boar may apply in the form or to the effect as at (C) in the Schedule to the Rules, for a permit to keep at the place specified in such permit a boar for the purpose of fattening it for slaughter and shall, if required, present such boar for inspection at such place and at such time as may be specified in any notice issued by the Ministry.

(2) The fee payable for a permit to keep an unlicensed boar to be fattened off for slaughter shall be one shilling.

Marking of Boars.

10.—Where any Inspecting Officer of the Ministry for that purpose duly authorised in writing by the Ministry decides to mark a boar which is regarded as up to licensing standard the mark shall consist of a right hand or such other mark as may be registered by the Ministry and shall be tattooed on the right ear or other appropriate place. The said mark may be used in conjunction with a letter or number or both.

Where any such duly authorised Officer decides to mark a boar as not being up to licensing standard the mark shall consist of the letter " R " or such other mark as may be decided upon by the Ministry and shall be tattooed on the right ear or other appropriate place.

Appeals.

11.—Where the Ministry refuses to grant or transfer a licence in respect of any boar or suspends or revokes any licence, or requires the slaughtering or castration of any boar the owner of the boar may, within a period of fourteen days from the date of service on him of notice of such refusal, suspension or revocation, or of order to slaughter or castrate, on payment to the Ministry of a fee of £1, lodge an appeal in the form or to the effect stated at (D) in the Schedule to these Rules against such refusal, revocation, suspension or order, with the object of having the boar inspected and examined by such member or members of the Panel of Referees appointed under the Act by the Governor of Northern Ireland as may be selected by the Ministry.

The fee payable on an application under this Rule shall, if the Ministry does not confirm the decision to which the application relates, be returned to the applicant by the Ministry.

Change of Ownership, Death, or Castration of Boar.

12.—Notice of any sale or hiring or other change in the ownership or control of a boar in respect of which a licence or a permit is in force or of its castration or death shall be given by the owner to the Ministry within seven days of such event. Such notice shall be in the form or to the effect stated at (E) in the Schedule to these Rules and shall be delivered at or forwarded by post to the Ministry of Agriculture, Stormont, Belfast.

Surrender of Licence or Permit.

13.—The owner of a boar in respect of which a licence or a permit was issued shall, in the event of the licence or permit having expired or being revoked, suspended or cancelled, or on the death or castration of the animal, return such licence (together with the certified copy if any) or permit to the Ministry within seven days from the date of expiry thereof, or within seven days from the date of service on him of notice of revocation, suspension or cancellation of such licence or permit.