2. BARRELS.—When unheaded for filling, barrels should be "beamed," i.e., immersed and tested as to tightness in a suitable tub of water. Leakage of pickle while the herrings are lying in "seastick" (during the period required for pining) will lead to their rejection. Barrels should be wet or damp inside when the herrings are being packed.

3. GUTTING.—Herrings taken in the Irish Sea usually contain a high proportion of fat. Particular attention should therefore be paid to Regulation 10 (*b*).

4. ROUSING.—This is the most important operation in curing, and no amount of salt in the barrel can make up for carelessness in this respect. Curers should see that their coopers exercise the utmost vigilance over the rousing tubs.

5. SALTING.—On removal from the rousing tub on the barrel for packing any loose salt that may be lifted with the herrings should be evenly spread over each tier before any more salt is sprinkled on.

Packers should be taught the amount of salt required for each selection—Fulls, for instance, requiring more salt in proportion than Matties.

6. BRANDING.—No definite dates have been fixed by the Ministry for the branding season, but it will be readily understood by curers that herrings of an unkeepable nature cannot be regarded by the Ministry's officers as coming within the requirements of the regulations.

7. SHIPMENT.—Both curers and purchasers of cured herrings should bear in mind that the brand carries only a limited guarantee, and that it is obviously in their mutual interest to see that the herrings are shipped and put on the markets with as little delay as possible after being cured. Steps should be taken to ensure that all barrels are well coopered and the herrings properly pickled at the time of shipment.

8. CARE OF CURED HERRINGS.—Barrels of herrings should at all times, from the date of curing onwards, be protected against the heat of the sun. Barrels found damaged or leaky on arrival after transport by rail or sea should have any loss of pickle made good immediately.

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Apples: Conditions of Marketing.

RULES, DATED 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1938, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931 (21 AND 22 GEO. V, C. 8.).

1938. No. 116.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 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 :—

Short Title.

1.—These Rules shall be known as the Marketing of Fruit (Consolidation) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938.

Definitions.

2.—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.

3.—These Rules shall apply to apples only.

Licences.

4.—(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.

5.—(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.

(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 Fifth 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.

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

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

Shipment of Apples below "C" Standard.

7.—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 for the fresh fruit market to Great Britain or the Isle of Man, subject to the following conditions :—

(1) Consignments shall be packed in one of the undermentioned containers—

(*a*) Standard orange box or case;

(*b*) Standard lemon box or case;

(*c*) Standard onion box or case;

(*d*) Barrel for 126 to 140 lb.

(2) Each container shall—

(*a*) contain not more than 10 per cent. by count of apples equal to or above the requirements for Standard "C" as referred to above;

(*b*) be clearly and indelibly stencilled on the outside of the container with the word "CULLS" in letters not less than one inch high and shall be similarly stencilled with the number of the sender's licence or permit.

(3) Each consignment shall be accompanied by a Return or Returns of Shipment as prescribed for licence-holders in Section (2) of Article 5 of these Rules and in the Fifth Schedule thereto.

Grade Designations.

8.—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."

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

9.—Baskets containing apples sold or offered or exposed for sale within Northern Ireland to a retailer for the purpose of resale by him shall—

(1) contain no packing material whatever save a single disc of corrugated cardboard placed below the bottom layer of fruit and smooth side to the fruit, or a single sheet of paper placed below the bottom layer of fruit; and

(2) be in accordance with one or other of the following specifications :—

(*a*) Internal dimensions—

Depth ...	... 24″.
Width at top ...	... 14″.
Width at bottom	... 10″.

(*b*) Internal dimensions—

Depth ...	... 25″.
Width at top ...	... 17″.
Width at bottom	... 11″.

Small Consignments.

10.—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.

Revocation.

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

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

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

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

(*d*) any investigation, legal proceeding 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.

12.—These Rules shall come into operation on the twenty-sixth day of September, 1938.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this twenty-sixth day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, in the presence of

(L.S.) (Signed) J. TAYLOR,
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 .....193..., after which date it is invalid.

Dated this.....day of.....193....

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Authorised Officer.

G. S. ROBERTSON,
Secretary.