Wholesale Dealers' Prices.

NOTE.—The Ministry of Agriculture made, in the year 1938, the following Orders determining from time to time the prices payable for eggs by licensed wholesale dealers :—

1938. Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 60, 61, 62, 69, 71, 74, 75, 79, 83, 90, 99, 100.

These Orders, being temporary in effect, have not been printed at length in this volume.

FISHERIES.

Sea Fisheries: Herring Fishery.

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD DAY OF MAY, 1938, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE HERRING FISHERY (BRANDING) ACT, 1913, AS APPLIED TO NORTHERN IRELAND BY SECTION 8 OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1932.

1938. No. 70.

I.—CONSTRUCTION, CAPACITY AND CONDITION OF BARRELS AND HALF-BARRELS INTENDED FOR THE CROWN BRAND.

1. *General.*

Barrels and half-barrels must be constructed of wood of best quality only. " Seconds " of spruce or Scotch fir shall not be accepted for branding.

2. *Staves and Ends.*

(*a*) QUALITY, &C., OF STAVES.—The staves of every barrel and half-barrel shall be made from well-seasoned wood of good quality, capable of retaining the pickle. In course of construction, they shall be well fired, so as to admit of their being bent to the requisite extent. They shall not be cracked, broken, or patched, and there shall not be a double croze. The chime shall not be less than 1 inch in length.

(*b*) THICKNESS OF STAVES AND ENDS.—The staves of every barrel and half-barrel shall, when completed, be not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ and not more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in thickness throughout; and the ends of every barrel and half-barrel shall, when completed, be not less than $\frac{5}{8}$ and not more than $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch in thickness throughout.

(*c*) BREADTH OF STAVES.—The staves of every barrel and half-barrel shall not exceed 6 inches in breadth at the bilge.

(*d*) NUMBER OF PIECES IN ENDS.—The head end of every barrel and half-barrel must contain not less than three pieces, and the bottom end not less than two pieces.

(*e*) FITTING OF ENDS IN CROZES.—The ends of every barrel and half-barrel shall fit properly in the crozes, and shall not be turned inside out, nor made in such a way as to affect the capacity of the barrel or half-barrel.

3. *Hooping.*

Every barrel or half-barrel shall be hooped in one of the three following ways, viz.:—(*a*) entirely with wooden hoops; (*b*) entirely with iron hoops; or (*c*) partly with wooden hoops and partly with iron hoops.

(*a*) ENTIRELY WITH WOODEN HOOPS.—Every barrel or half-barrel hooped entirely with wooden hoops shall be hooped in either of the two following ways, viz.:—(*i*) every barrel and half-barrel shall be full-bound at the bottom end, and have at least three good hoops on the upper quarter; and every barrel shall have four good hoops, and every half-barrel three good hoops, on the head end; the distance between the nearest hoops on opposite sides of the bilge of every barrel shall not exceed 11 inches after the hoops have been properly driven; the distance for half-barrels shall be in like proportion; or (*ii*) every barrel and half-barrel shall be quarter hooped, the barrels with four good hoops on each end and three good hoops on each quarter, and the half-barrels with three good hoops on each end and three good hoops on each quarter.

(*b*) ENTIRELY WITH IRON HOOPS:—

(i) *Barrel.*—Every barrel hooped entirely with iron hoops shall be hooped in either of the two following ways, viz.:—

(1) With at least four hoops, one of these to be on each end of the barrel, and the other two to be on the quarters of the barrel.

The hoops on the ends of the barrel shall be plain hoops, not less than 2 inches wide, of Imperial Standard wire gauge No. 16.

The hoops on the quarters of the barrel shall be *corrugated* and shall be of Imperial Standard wire gauge No. 17, and not less than $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide after corrugation, or *alternatively* of Imperial Standard wire gauge No. 18, and not less than 2 inches wide after corrugation.

(2) With six hoops, one of these to be on each end of the barrel, and not to be less than $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide, of Imperial Standard wire gauge No. 16, one to be on each of the quarters and not to be less than 1 inch wide, of Imperial Standard wire gauge No. 18, and one to be on each side of the bilge, and not to be less than $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, of Imperial Standard wire gauge No. 17, the six hoops to be placed at proper relative distances on the barrel.

(ii) *Half-barrel.*—Every half-barrel hooped entirely with iron hoops shall be hooped with at least four hoops, one of these to be on each end of the half-barrel, and the other two to be on the quarters of the half-barrel.

The hoops on the ends of the half-barrel shall be plain hoops, not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, of Imperial Standard wire gauge No. 17.

The hoops on the quarters of the half-barrel shall be *corrugated* and shall be of Imperial Standard wire gauge No. 18, and not less than $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide after corrugation, or *alternatively* of Imperial Standard wire gauge No. 19, and not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide after corrugation.

(*c*) PARTLY WITH WOODEN HOOPS AND PARTLY WITH IRON HOOPS :—

(i) *Barrel.*—Every barrel hooped partly with wooden hoops and partly with iron hoops shall have either (1) the hoop of the head end alone, or (2) the hoops of both ends, made of iron at least 2 inches wide, of Imperial Standard wire gauge No. 16.

(1) If the hoop of the head end alone be of iron, the remaining portion of the barrel shall be bound with wooden hoops in either of the two following ways, viz.: the bottom end full bound, with at least three good hoops on the upper quarter; or quarter-hooped, with three good hoops on each quarter, and four good hoops on the bottom end.

(2) If the hoops of both ends be of iron, each of the two quarters shall be bound with at least three good wooden hoops.

(ii) *Half-barrel.*—Every half-barrel hooped partly with wooden hoops and partly with iron hoops, shall have either (1) the hoop of the head end alone, or (2) the hoops of both ends, made of iron at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, of Imperial Standard wire gauge No. 17.

(1) If the hoop of the head end alone be of iron, the remaining portion of the half-barrel shall be bound with wooden hoops in either of the two following ways, viz. : the bottom end full bound, with at least three good hoops on the upper quarter; or quarter-hooped, with three good hoops on each quarter, and three good hoops on the bottom end.

(2) If the hoops of both ends be of iron, each of the two quarters shall be bound with at least three good wooden hoops.

4. *Capacity.*

(*a*) BARREL.—The capacity of every barrel shall be 26⅔ gallons imperial measure.

(*b*) HALF-BARREL.—The capacity of every half-barrel shall be 13⅓ gallons imperial measure.

5. *Tightness.*

Every barrel and half-barrel shall be made perfectly tight.

II.—EXAMINATION OF BARRELS AND HALF-BARRELS IN RESPECT OF CONSTRUCTION, CAPACITY, AND CONDITION.

6. *Barrels and Half-Barrels intended to be filled with Cured White Herrings Intended for the Crown Brand.*

The Fishery Officer shall examine *at least* four in every one hundred barrels or half-barrels intended to be filled with herrings, and shall test their capacity by diagonal rod 23 inches long for barrels, and 18¼ inches long for half-barrels, the measurements being taken from the croze of the bottom end and from the croze of the head end, and the examination to be made at a time or times suitable for the officers. Where deemed necessary, one of the four barrels or half-barrels shall be tested by liquid measure.

7. *Barrels and Half-Barrels filled with Cured White Herrings.*

The Fishery Officer shall examine all barrels and half-barrels filled with herrings, and (if deemed necessary) shall empty the herrings out of *at least* one barrel or half-barrel in every one hundred, and test its capacity by liquid measure, and test the capacity of *at least* other three by calipers.

III.—MARKS ON BARRELS AND HALF-BARRELS.

8. *Marks on Barrels and Half-Barrels intended to be filled with Cured White Herrings Intended for the Crown Brand.*

(*a*) On the outside of the bottom of every barrel and half-barrel, at the time when these are given by the curer to the packer to be packed with herrings, there shall be legibly written or marked *with red keel or black lead* a description of the herrings to be packed, the

date of their cure, and the number of the packer; and *neither chalk nor any other substance shall be used as a substitute for red keel or black lead*, and no barrel or half-barrel unmarked as here prescribed shall be examined for branding. The marks shall take the following form, viz. :—

Description of herrings to be packed in barrel or half-barrel.	L (La Full)	F (Full)	M F (Mat. Full)	E (Mattie)	S M (Small Mattie)	L S (La Spent)
(Date of Cure)	Aug. 8	Aug. 8	Aug. 8	Aug. 8	Aug. 8	Aug. 8
Packers' Number	1	1	1	1	1	1

(*b*) When any barrel or half-barrel has been emptied of the herrings it contained, the old marks on the bottom shall be obliterated, and the barrel or half-barrel, at the time when it is given to a packer to be packed again with herrings, shall be legibly marked anew, in *red keel or black lead*, with the description of herrings it is intended to pack therein, the date of the cure, and the number of the packer.

9. *Marks on Barrels and Half-Barrels filled with Cured White Herrings Intended for the Crown Brand.*

(*a*) The curer's name and the name of the port or place of cure shall be stencilled distinctly on the bottom end of all barrels or half-barrels presented for the crown brand.

(*b*) No *descriptive* mark or marks (other than those of the crown stencil) shall be placed on the ends of barrels or half-barrels of crown-branded herrings—under the penalty of removal of the crown brand without return of fees.

IV.—Quality, Method of Cure, Packing, &c., of Herrings Necessary to Secure the Crown Brand.

10. *Quality, Curing, Selection, Packing, and Filling Up, etc.*

(*a*) Quality.—The herrings shall be of good quality, and all fish broken or torn in the belly shall be excluded.

(*b*) Gutting.—They shall be gutted with a knife, and have the gills and long gut cleanly removed.

(*c*) Period between Capture and Cure.—They shall be cured and packed in barrels or half-barrels within twenty-four hours after being caught.