Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this thirteenth day of December, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-seven, in the presence of

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

Joint Milk Council : Election of Members by Distributors.

THE JOINT MILK COUNCIL (ELECTION OF MEMBERS BY DISTRIBUTORS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1937, DATED THE 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1937, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION NINE OF THE MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1934 (24 AND 25 GEO. V, CH. 16).

1937. No. 88.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section Nine of the Milk and Milk Products Act (Northern Ireland), 1934, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say :—.

PART I.

Short Title and Interpretation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Joint Milk Council (Election of Members by Distributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1937.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"The Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland ;

"The Act" means the Milk and Milk Products Act (Northern Ireland), 1934 ;

"The Joint Milk Council" means the Joint Milk Council for Northern Ireland.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889 (*a*), as applied to Northern Ireland by the Interpretation Act, 1921(b), shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Repeal.

3. The Joint Milk Council (Election of Members by Distributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1935(a) are hereby repealed.

(*a*) 52–3 V. c. 63. (b) 12 Geo. V. c. 4 (N.I.).

PART II.

Election of Members by Holders of Distributors' Licences.

4. The Ministry shall, for the purpose of any election of one or more members of the Joint Milk Council, prepare a Register of all persons, who, on the last day for the giving of notice of the election as determined in accordance with these Regulations, held Distributors' licences under Section two of the Act, and the Register shall show in separate sections the names and addresses of the holders of Distributors' licences included in each of the following Electoral Divisions :—

Division I.—Holders of Distributors' licences who,—

(*a*) on the aforesaid last day for the giving of notice of the election had, in accordance with a Determination of the Joint Milk Council made under Section six of the Act, contracted for the purchase of milk from one or more holders of Producers' licences ; and

(*b*) had, during the prescribed period, purchased from holders of Producers' licences not less than 100,000 gallons of milk, and had, on or before the 30th September next following the conclusion of the prescribed period, remitted to the Ministry any Producers' licence fees payable by them in respect of such milk ;

Division II.—Holders of Distributor's licences who,—

(*a*) on the aforesaid last day for the giving of notice of the election had, in accordance with a Determination of the Joint Milk Council made under Section six of the Act, contracted for the purchase of milk from one or more holders of Producers' licences ; and

(*b*) are not entitled to be registered in Electoral Division I ;

Division III.—All persons not comprised in Electoral Division I or Electoral Division II.

5.—(1) The number of members of the Joint Milk Council elected by persons in each Electoral Division shall be as follows :—

Division I	..	Two members.
Division II	..	One member.
Division III	..	One member.

(2) The members of the Joint Milk Council elected by holders of Distributors' licences at an election for any Electoral Division shall be elected by the persons registered in that Electoral Division in the Register prepared for the purpose of such election in pursuance of Article four of these Regulations.

(a) S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1935, No. 120.

6.—(1) For the purpose of an election of members by persons registered in any Electoral Division, the Ministry shall allot votes as follows :—

(*a*) In the case of an election by persons registered in Electoral Division I, to each person registered in that Division, one vote for each gallon of milk purchased by him from one or more holders of Producers' licences during the prescribed period, and in respect of which any Producers' licence fees payable by him had been remitted to the Ministry on or before the 30th of September next following the conclusion of such period ;

(*b*) In the case of an election by persons registered in Electoral Division II, to each person registered in that Division, one vote for each gallon of milk purchased by him from one or more holders of Producers' licences during the prescribed period and in respect of which any Producers' licence fees payable by him had been remitted to the Ministry on or before the 30th of September next following the conclusion of such period ;

(*c*) In the case of an election by persons registered in Electoral Division III, to each person registered in that Division, one vote.

(2) Any question relating to the number of votes to which a person is entitled shall be determined by the Ministry, and such determination shall be final.

(3) A voter shall not vote for more candidates for any Electoral Division than there are members to be elected by that Electoral Division.

(4) At an election for two members for Electoral Division I, a voter who votes for two candidates may apportion between those candidates the number of votes allotted to him by the Ministry.

7. For the purpose of this Part of these Regulations, the prescribed period shall, in relation to any election, be the twelve months ending on the 31st August next preceding the last day for the giving of notice of that election as determined by these Regulations, provided that when such last day for the giving of notice of any election falls in the month of September or October, the prescribed period shall be the twelve months ending on the 31st August next but one preceding the aforesaid last day.

PART III.

Biennial Elections.

8.—(1) An election of members of the Joint Milk Council by holders of Distributors' licences shall be held in the year 1937 and in every second calendar year thereafter.