THE BUTTER AND CREAM (GRADING AND MARKING) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1936, DATED THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF AUGUST, 1936, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 4 (2) OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1933. (23 AND 24 GEO. V., CH. 22).

1936. No. 114.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") for the purposes of the Butter and Cream Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1936, and by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 4 (2) of the Agricultural Marketing Act (Northern Ireland), 1933, and of every power enabling it in that behalf, orders, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

Samples of Butter for Grading.

1. Every producer of butter registered under the Butter and Cream Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1936, shall submit to the Ministry, for the purpose of grading, a quantity of butter of not less than ½ lb. net in weight, taken from each churning of butter made by such producers : provided that the Ministry may specially exempt from the requirement to submit samples as aforesaid any creamery which sells all, or substantially all, of its production of butter in bulk to a merchant or merchants in Belfast with whom suitable arrangements can be made for the inspection of such butter.

2. Every sample of butter submitted for the purpose of grading shall be carefully packed and despatched, carriage and delivery paid, as soon as possible after manufacture to such address as may be notified by the Ministry.

3. An officer of the Ministry or any other person authorised by the Ministry in that behalf (hereinafter referred to as an "authorised officer") may, at any time, take from the premises of a registered producer of butter, for the purpose of grading, a quantity of butter produced by such producer : provided that the sample or samples taken on any one day from the premises of any registered producer of butter by an authorised officer shall not exceed 7 lbs. in total weight.

4. Every sample of butter submitted by a registered producer of butter or taken by an authorised officer from the premises of a registered producer shall be wrapped in vegetable parchment paper of such quality as may be prescribed from time to time in Rules made under the Marketing of Dairy Produce Acts (Northern Ireland), 1929 and 1933, showing, *inter alia*, the registered number assigned to the premises of the registered producer under those Acts, and also the date and number of the churning by means of a code approved by the Ministry.

Grading of Butter.

5. Every sample of butter submitted or taken for the purpose of grading shall be examined forthwith and the creamery manager notified in any case where it appears that the butter will not qualify for the award of Premium marks. Thereafter the butter shall be kept in premises approved by the Ministry and shall be graded within a period of not less than ten, and not more than fourteen days from the date of churning. Each sample shall be graded in accordance with the following classifications by a grader or graders appointed by the Ministry :—

Premium ;
Below Premium.

The minimum requirements to be complied with by butter graded as Premium shall be those set out in that behalf in the following table :—

Heading.	Maximum Marks.	Grade.	
		Premium.	Below Premium.
		Minimum marks.	Not more than
Flavour and aroma	120	115	114 marks
Body and texture	60	56	55 ,,
Packing and finish	20	19	18 ,,

6. The Ministry shall notify each registered producer of butter of the marks awarded in respect of each sample of butter submitted by him or taken from his premises by an authorised officer.

Marking of Butter Wrappers, Cartons and Packages.

7. The wrappers, cartons and packages used by a registered producer for the sale of butter of Premium grade shall be marked in accordance with the following provisions :—

All vegetable parchment paper used for lining the heads of packages containing butter in bulk or for wrapping bricks or rolls of butter, and all cartons used for packing butter shall bear the words :—

Ulster Creamery Butter,
Premium Grade.

" Butter and Cream Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1936.",

together with the Hand of Ulster in red surmounting or surrounded by the words " Premium Grade."

The vegetable parchment paper, cartons and packages shall, in addition, show the registered number assigned to the premises of the registered producer under the provisions