

- “(e) Where two or more churnings are made on a particular day the number of the churning shall be indicated by the addition of a figure.”
- (c) in paragraph 5 thereof the words within the brackets were amended to read as follows :—
- “ save that the carton need not be marked with the code reference to the date of churning or with the number of churning.”
- (d) for paragraph 8 thereof there were substituted the following paragraph :—

“ The following marks, that is to say :—

- (i) the code reference to the date of churning ;
- (ii) the number of churning, and
- (iii) the code reference to the date of packing, shall be marked on the outside of the package by means of a stamp or stencil and on the vegetable parchment paper, whether used for lining the heads of standard packages or for wrapping bricks or rolls, by means of a stamp or perforating machine. The letters or figures used on the outside of the package shall be not less than one half-inch in height and on the vegetable parchment paper not less than one-eighth inch in height.”

III. *General.*

The Ministry may from time to time rescind, amend or vary these Rules or any of them as the occasion may require.

IV. *Commencement.*

These Rules shall come into operation on the twenty-fifth day of August, nineteen hundred and thirty-one.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland is hereunto affixed this twenty-fifth day of August, nineteen hundred and thirty-one.

(L.S.)

George T. Fidler,
Assistant Secretary.

Surprise Inspections of Butter.

THE MARKETING OF DAIRY PRODUCE (SURPRISE INSPECTIONS OF BUTTER) RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931, DATED 18TH MARCH, 1931, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE MARKETING OF DAIRY PRODUCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1929.

1931. No. 23.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Marketing of Dairy Produce

Act (Northern Ireland), 1929, and of any other power in that behalf enabling it hereby makes the following Rules, that is to say :—

I. *Short Title.*

These Rules may be cited as the Marketing of Dairy Produce (Surprise Inspections of Butter) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1931.

II. *Definitions.*

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

- (1) The expression " Act " shall mean the Marketing of Dairy Produce Act (Northern Ireland), 1929.
- (2) The expression " the Ministry " shall mean the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.
- (3) The expression " carrying company " shall mean any company, body or person carrying butter for hire or reward.

III. *Samples.*

1. On receipt of a notice from the Ministry the owner or occupier of premises registered under Part I. of the Act, or a person holding a licence under Part II. of the Act, shall forward a sample or samples of butter to such one of the centres prescribed in the Schedule hereto as shall be designated in the notice.

2. In the case of the owner or occupier of premises registered as a central creamery the sample or samples shall be taken from the butter made on the premises on the date of the receipt of the notice. In the case of the owner or occupier of premises registered as a butter factory or a wholesale depot, or of the holder of a licence who is not the owner or occupier of registered premises, the sample or samples shall be taken from the butter packed on the date of the receipt of the notice.

3. Without prejudice to the obligation on an owner or occupier of registered premises or on the holder of a licence who is not the owner or occupier of registered premises to submit a sample or samples of butter as prescribed by paragraph 1 of this Article, an authorised officer of the Ministry may at any time select a sample or samples of butter at any registered premises or in the ownership of any person holding a licence, and such sample or samples shall be forwarded forthwith by the owner or occupier of the registered premises or the person holding the licence to the Surprise Inspection centre designated by the authorised officer.

4. A sample of butter shall, unless otherwise directed by the Ministry, consist of 56 lb. In the case of a sample forwarded from a central creamery, the number and date of churning shall be marked on the outside of the package.

5. Samples shall be forwarded carriage and delivery paid and by such a route as may be specified in the notice or by an authorised officer of the Ministry.

6. The carrying company's receipt shall be transmitted to the Ministry by post on the date of forwarding the sample or samples.

IV. *Examination and Classification.*

1. The samples of butter shall be examined and classified by judges appointed by the Ministry.

2. For the purposes of examination and classification the maximum marks which may be awarded for flavour shall be 120, for texture 60; and for packing 20.

3. The judges making the examination shall award in respect of flavour, texture and packing such marks respectively as are in their opinion fair and reasonable and shall classify the butter as follows :—

“ Premium ” : butter in respect of which not less than 115, 56 and 19 marks have been awarded for flavour, texture and packing, respectively ;

“ Standard ” : butter in respect of which not less than 112, 54 and 17 marks have been awarded for flavour, texture and packing, respectively, and,

“ Below Standard ” : butter in respect of which less than 112 or 54 or 17 marks have been awarded for flavour, texture and packing, respectively.

4. A sample of butter found to contain moisture in excess of 16 per cent. shall, notwithstanding the fact that it may have been awarded not less than 112, 54 and 17 marks in respect of flavour, texture and packing, respectively, be classified as “ Below Standard.”

5. Examination and classification shall for the purposes of these Rules be carried out within fourteen days following the date of the despatch of the sample.

V. *Disposal of Samples.*

1. After each Surprise Inspection samples of butter shall, unless the Ministry is notified as to other methods of disposal, be sold to the best advantage by the Ministry on behalf of the owners of the samples and any sums so realised shall be refunded to the owners of the samples.

2. Samples of butter classified “ Below Standard ” shall be returned carriage forward to the owners thereof.

VI. *Commencement.*

These Rules shall come into operation on the eighteenth day of March, 1931.

VII. *General.*

The Ministry may from time to time rescind, amend or vary these Rules or any of them as the occasion may require.

In Witness whereof the official seal of the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland, is hereunto affixed this eighteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-one.

(L.S.)

G. S. Robertson,
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

MARKETING OF DAIRY PRODUCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1929.

Centres at which Surprise Inspections of Butter shall be conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland.

Ballymena.
Belfast.
Coleraine.

Dungannon.
Enniskillen.
Omagh.

Strabane.

England.

Birmingham.
Blackpool.
Bristol.
Leeds.

Liverpool.
Manchester.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
Sheffield.

Scotland.

Glasgow.

Wales.

Cardiff.

Swansea.