

the cause of such delay, hampering, impediment, or prevention of work, but during the continuation of such strike, lock-out, or other stoppage of work as aforesaid the Directors may, in their discretion, refuse to accept any dairy-produce tendered by any member or other person at any one or more of the branches, factories, or creameries which are or may be in the opinion of the Directors prejudicially affected by such strike, lock-out, or other stoppage as aforesaid: Provided, however, that if any branch, factory, or creamery of the Company is not prejudicially affected thereby the Directors shall endeavour to arrange for such branch, factory, or creamery to accept such dairy-produce. The Directors may continue so to refuse to accept the said produce for so long a period as they in their discretion may deem advisable, having regard to the best interests of the Company; and during the term of such refusal they shall be under no duty or liability to make any recompense to any such member or person in respect of any such refusal as aforesaid, and such member or person shall have, in respect of such refusal, no recourse whatsoever against the Company or its Directors.

161. All dairy-produce for delivery to the Company shall be—

- (a) Made available by the person so supplying either at his milk-shed, farm gate, roadside, depot, the receiving-stage of the nearest factory of the Company manufacturing dairy-produce of the type for delivery, or other convenient place as the Directors shall from time to time require, and either once daily or twice daily or at longer intervals as the Directors shall from time to time require.
- (b) Made available in containers of a type suitable for convenient and economical transport, handling, and cleaning, and the person supplying shall be responsible for the cleanliness thereof. Morning milk shall be kept in separate containers from the afternoon's milk. In lieu of making available such dairy-produce in containers to be transported, the person supplying may be required from time to time to hold same in a suitable vat convenient for bulk collection of the dairy-produce therefrom by or on behalf of the Company.
- (c) Placed upon a properly constructed stand (with efficient to and fro all-weather access by the transporting vehicle of the type used for such transport work) at such times of the day as the Directors may from time to time stipulate or as by law required, unless such dairy-produce is required to be delivered to a depot owned or controlled by the Company or upon the factory receiving-stage as hereinbefore provided, in which case delivery shall be made at such times of the day as the Directors may from time to time stipulate.

162. The Directors may from time to time, in lieu of requiring delivery by persons of their dairy-produce as hereinbefore provided, undertake on behalf of all such persons or of any groups thereof the collection of their dairy-produce on such basis or bases as the Directors shall deem equitable, with or without a general charge upon the dairy-produce of such persons or groups of persons or different charges to individual persons as they consider to be in the best interests of the Company. Conversely, the Directors may make any payment or allowance to such persons or groups of persons as a consideration for delivery in any particular manner time or place as they, the Directors, shall think fit.

163. Where milk is delivered to the Company for cheese or casein making the person supplying the same shall be responsible to the Company for the prompt removal of his proportion of the resulting whey, unless he shall firstly make and the Company agrees to arrangements for its disposal otherwise.

SPECIAL GROUPS

164. The Directors may from time to time establish and carry on factories and creameries for the manufacture and for the handling of butter, cheese, dried milk in any of its various forms, casein, processed cheese, town milk, ice-cream, or any other dairy-products or any other products which in the opinion of the Directors can be conveniently manufactured or dealt in in conjunction therewith or any combination of the above. The above functions may be operated by separate and distinct classes, groups, or sections of members (hereinafter referred to as special groups). Save as herein provided, all the provisions of these Articles shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to such special groups.

165. The Directors may at any time and from time to time amalgamate any special group with any other special group or may conduct the operations of any of the special groups on behalf of the Company as a whole or extend the operations of any existing group as they shall think fit.

166. No member or person shall without the written consent of the Directors be entitled to supply any special group or to transfer his supply of dairy-produce to or from any special group or to supply a substantially greater quantity of dairy-produce to any special group than that which was supplied by him to such special group in the immediately preceding season.

167. Every person supplying dairy-produce to a special group shall, in respect of the financial year of the Company in which he is so supplying, be required to hold such number of shares as may from time to time be fixed by the Directors for that particular special group, but not being more than one share for the number of pounds of butterfat obtained or obtainable or, alternatively, for the number of gallons or weight of milk estimated to be supplied or supplied by him during that financial year as are set out below opposite the name of the special group: Provided, however, that nothing herein shall entitle the Directors to fix a share standard of less than lb. of butterfat or gallons or lb. of milk for any special group formed after the date these Articles came into force or for a special group for which there was no share standard operating at such date.