

## ANIMALS

## Accredited Pig Herds and Pig Testing

SCHEME, DATED 11TH JUNE 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

*Citation and Commencement*

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Accredited Pig Herds and Pig Testing (Amendment) (No. 2) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1969.

(2) This Scheme shall be construed as one with the Accredited Pig Herds and Pig Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1968(b) (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Scheme").

(3) This Scheme shall come into operation on 1st July 1969, and shall apply to assessment of herds for accreditation due on and after 1st July 1969.

*Revocation*

2. The Accredited Pig Herds and Pig Testing (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1969(c) is hereby revoked.

*Amendment of the Principal Scheme*

3. For Parts I and II of the Third Schedule of the Principal Scheme setting forth the standards for accreditation of both Elite and Multiplying Pig Herds, there shall be substituted the Schedule hereto.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 11th day of June 1969, in the presence of

(L.S.)

*A. E. W. Steen,*  
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 11th day of June 1969, in the presence of

(L.S.)

*James V. Morrison,*  
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1949. c. 2.

(b) S.R. &amp; O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 210,

(c) S.R. &amp; O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 13.

## SCHEDULE

(Articles 7 and 13)

## Standards for Accreditation

*(Applicable to Elite and Multiplying Herds)*

- (1) The average number of pigs reared to 42 days old per litter over a period of one year shall not be less than eight.
- (2) The average standards over a period of one year for carcasses of pigs slaughtered from litters notified under the Scheme shall be as follows:—
  - (a) age at slaughter, not more than 185 days;
  - (b) not less than 55 per cent. of carcasses shall have maximum backfat measurements of 44 millimetres at the shoulder and 24 millimetres at the loin and not less than 15 millimetres at mid-back; and
  - (c) carcase length not less than 790 millimetres; provided that at least 40 per cent. of the pigs weaned are graded to obtain these average standards.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Scheme but it is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Scheme amends the average standards of accreditation applicable to Elite and Multiplying herds as follows:—

- (i) age at slaughter reduced to 185 days for Elite and Multiplying herds;
- (ii) maximum backfat at shoulder and loin reduced to 44 millimetres and 24 millimetres respectively. Not less than 55 per cent. of carcasses shall have these measurements.