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AGRICULTURE

Cattle—Breeding Herds

SCHEME, DATED 12TH DECEMBER 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954 AS AMENDED BY THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1957.

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 1 of the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(a) as amended by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1957(b) and paragraph 2(1) and (2) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(c) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Department of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1974 and shall be construed as one with the Cattle (Breeding Herds) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1968(d) (hereinafter referred to as “the Principal Scheme”).

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on 1st January 1975.

Amendments

2.—(1)(a) The following definition shall be substituted for the definition of “Qualifying day” in Article 3 of the Principal Scheme:

““Qualifying day” means 1st January in the subsidy year;”;

(b) The following definition shall be substituted for the definition of “Subsidy year” in Article 3 of the Principal Scheme:

““Subsidy year” means in relation to a subsidy payment a calendar year in respect of which the subsidy payment is to be made.”.

(2) For paragraph (2) of Article 5 of the Principal Scheme there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

“(2) Subject to paragraph (3) the amount which may be paid by way of subsidy under this Scheme in respect of any animal shall be £14 in each subsidy year.”.

(3) For paragraph (1) of Article 7 of the Principal Scheme there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

“(1) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the number of breeding cows in respect of which subsidy payments may be made to a person shall be the number of eligible cows in his breeding herd on the qualifying day.

(a) 1954. c. 31.
(b) 1957. c. 3.

(c) 1974. c. 28.
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 166.

Provided that if the number of cows in respect of which an application is made is greater than the total number which, in the opinion of the Ministry is capable of being properly grazed and maintained in accordance with good farming practice on the grass and forage crops available to them on the land on which they are grazed the subsidy payments shall be restricted to such number as may be determined by the Ministry.”

(4) For Article 8 of the Principal Scheme there shall be substituted the following Article:

“8.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the Ministry may make subsidy payments in a subsidy year to a person who has established or re-established a herd of breeding cows after 1st January but on or before 1st July in that year if the herd is otherwise eligible. Subsidy payments may be made only in respect of those eligible cows in such a herd on 1st July in that subsidy year as are maintained in that herd for the remainder of the subsidy year.

(2) If the number of cows in respect of which an application is made is greater than the total number which, in the opinion of the Ministry is capable of being properly grazed and maintained in accordance with good farming practice on the grass and forage crops available to them on the land on which they are grazed the subsidy payments shall be restricted to such number as may be determined by the Ministry.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture this 12th day of December 1974.

(L.S.)

J. A. Young,
Permanent Secretary.

The Department of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance this 13th day of December 1974.

(L.S.)

R. H. Kidd,
Second Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme amends the Cattle (Breeding Herds) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1968 by bringing forward the qualifying day from 1st June to 1st January. It also makes provision for the continuance of subsidy payments at the rate of £14 for each eligible animal.