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## AGRICULTURE

## Beef Marketing Payments—Cattle

SCHEME, DATED 28TH MAY 1974, MADE BY THE HEAD OF 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 Head of the Department of Agriculture with the approval of the Head of the Department of Finance and in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Acts (Northern Ireland) 1954(a) and 1957(b) and of all other powers him thereunto enabling hereby makes the following Scheme:—

*Short title and commencement*

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Beef Marketing Subsidy Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1974.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on 28th May, 1974.

*Definitions*

2. In this Scheme:—

“approved deadweight certification centre” means any place for the time being approved by the Department of Agriculture for the certification of the carcasses of livestock for the purposes of this Scheme;

“approved export point” means that place set apart by the Department of Agriculture for the examination and, if necessary, marking of livestock at the ports of Belfast and Londonderry or if exported to the Republic of Ireland via the land boundary at such places and at such times as may be determined by the Department;

“certified” means certified as an eligible animal by the certifying officer in accordance with the conditions and standards specified in Schedule 1;

“certifying officer” means any officer of the Department responsible for certifying that cattle for which a beef marketing subsidy payment is claimed conforms with the conditions of this Scheme;

“Department” means the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland;

“eligible cattle” shall have the meaning given in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1;

“presenter” means a person applying for a beef marketing subsidy payment and who presents or has presented on his behalf eligible cattle at an approved deadweight certification centre for slaughter within Northern Ireland or at an approved export point for export from Northern Ireland.

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(a) 1954. c. 31.

(b) 1957. c. 3.

*Subsidy payments*

3. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the Department may in its discretion make to or for the benefit (whether direct or indirect) of farmers producing eligible cattle a payment in respect of each eligible animal which the Department is satisfied has been properly certified at an approved dead-weight certification centre or at an approved export point.

*Rates of Payment*

4. For each animal so certified the payment shall be that specified in Schedule 3.

5. Such payment shall be made to such persons and at such times as the Department may think proper.

6. If the Department, after having made a payment under this Scheme, finds that such payment ought not to have been made in whole or in part or that the payment was in excess of the amount properly payable it may recover from the person to whom such payment has been made the whole or any part of the sum already paid, or may withhold or cause to be withheld any subsequent payment which might otherwise be made by the Department to that person under this or any other Scheme. The Department may also recover from a presenter under this Scheme by way of deduction from a payment which might otherwise be made to him under this Scheme any monies due by that person to the Department or to any other Government Department.

*Application for beef marketing subsidy payment*

7.—(1) Application for beef marketing subsidy payments shall be made in the form and at the time required by the Department.

(2) Beef marketing subsidy payments shall be made subject to the conditions that the presenter will comply with all reasonable requirements of the Department and any of its officers and in particular will permit them to inspect his books, livestock and lands and afford them all reasonable facilities for doing so.

8. It shall be the responsibility of persons presenting cattle for certification at the ports of Belfast and Londonderry to provide adequate labour necessary to comply with the Department's requirements as to the weighing, moving, examining and the marking of the animals.

Dated this 28th day of May 1974.

*Leslie J. Morrell,*  
Head of the Department of Agriculture  
for Northern Ireland.

I approve the foregoing Scheme.

Dated this 28th day of May 1974.

*H. V. Kirk,*  
Head of the Department of Finance  
for Northern Ireland.

## SCHEDULE 1

## Cattle eligible for beef marketing subsidy payment

1. "Eligible cattle" means cattle born and entirely produced in Northern Ireland or legally imported into Northern Ireland from the Republic of Ireland prior to 1st April 1974 which comply with the qualifying standards set out in this Schedule.

*Qualifying standards*

2.—(1) If presented at an approved export point the animal must weigh not less than 4½ cwt.

(2) If presented at an approved deadweight certification centre the cold weight (the hot weight adjusted according to the rebates set out in paragraph 3) of the carcasses dressed according to the specifications must be not less than 286 lb. with the kidney knob and channel fat out or 296 lb. with the kidney knob and channel fat in.

*Specifications for carcass dressing*

The following shall be removed:

1. Hide
2. Head and tongue. The ears must be examined by the certifying officer before slaughter in order to determine eligibility. Exceptionally, when approved by the certifying officer, the ears may be left naturally attached to the carcass until it has been examined for eligibility.
3. Feet
4. Guts and tripe with the accompanying glands:
  - (i) Liver
  - (ii) Spleen
  - (iii) Pancreas
5. Caul and gut fat
6. Heart and heart fat
7. Heart bread and neck bread (thymus glands)
8. Lights (lungs, trachea and larynx)
9. Thick skirt (pillar of diaphragm) (see note (g))
10. Tail (see note (g))
11. Genito-urinary organs excluding kidneys (except where kidney knob and channel fat are removed). Where the kidney fat and channel fat are left in but the kidneys have been removed before weighting an addition of 3 lb. shall be made to the carcass weight. In cows the mammary tissue will be removed
12. Large blood vessels of abdomen and thorax

*Notes and specifications*

- (a) The head shall be removed at the junction of the skull and the spinal column, thereby leaving the entire spinal column on the carcass;
- (b) the fore feet shall be removed at the knee joint and hind feet at the hock joint;
- (c) the "rib skirt" or diaphragm shall be trimmed to leave a margin of at least one half inch of "skin" or membranous portion along the bottom. This will leave the fleshy part of the diaphragm intact;
- (d) there shall be no trimming of the neck beyond cutting off the ragged edges; the jugular vein may be removed cleanly but there shall be no trimming of the surrounding fat;
- (e) where kidney knob and channel fat are removed they shall be removed in their entirety. Where they are not removed they shall not be subject to any trimming unless a corresponding addition is made to the carcass weight;

- (f) the tail shall be removed at the second joint from the base bone;
- (g) where it is trade practice to leave the thick skirt or tail or both these offals on the carcase a weight deduction of 3 lb. will be made in respect of the tail and a weight deduction of 2 lb. in respect of the thick skirt.

#### *Conditions of weighting carcasses*

3. Carcasses, if weighed "hot", shall be weighed within one hour of slaughter; if weighed "cold", within 24 hours of slaughter except when prior approval for any extension of this period has been given. When carcasses are weighed "hot" the "cold" weight will be ascertained by making rebates for each side of beef as follows:

<i>Hot weight of side</i>	<i>Rebate</i>
lb.	lb.
250 and under	4
251 to 300	5
301 to 400	6
Over 400	7

#### *Condemnation*

4.—(1) No beef marketing subsidy payment will be made if a cattle carcase presented for subsidy payment is condemned as wholly unfit for human consumption.

(2) If the original carcase weight is above the qualifying weight limit for subsidy and is partially condemned, payment will be made on the certified weight of that part of the carcase which is accepted.

5. The Scheme does not apply to—

- (a) Cattle which bear a confusion mark, i.e. any mark, mutilation or abnormality which is similar to or capable of removing or obliterating any mark applied in accordance with the requirements of the Imported Livestock Order 1958. Exceptionally, however, if a confusion mark was due to accident or to abnormality at birth the animal may be approved for certification, provided it is otherwise eligible, if it was registered without unreasonable delay with the Department;
- (b) cattle or their carcasses which are affected animals as defined in the Bovine Tuberculosis (Northern Ireland) Order 1935(c) and the Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1964(d) or under any Order having the like effect which amends or revokes and replaces them. The owner of an animal which comes within the scope of the Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1964 as amended by the Tuberculosis Control (Amendment) Orders 1968(e) and 1973(f) or which has been exposed to the infection of tuberculosis by contact with any such animal may be given by the Department the opportunity to make his own arrangements for the animal's sale and slaughter as an alternative to disposal by the Department. Where the owner decides to make his own arrangements he is permitted to present the carcase of the animal for certification;
- (c) cattle presented at an approved export point in an excessively dirty or full condition or which are diseased or injured;
- (d) cattle which weight less than 4½ cwt. liveweight or less than 286 lb. deadweight with the kidney knob and channel out or 296 lb. deadweight with the kidney knob and channel fat in;
- (e) pedigree breeding cattle presented for export outside the United Kingdom;
- (f) cattle for dairy production presented for shipment to Great Britain.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1935, No. 39.  
 (d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 31.

(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 236.  
 (f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 76.

## SCHEDULE 2

## Marking of cattle

Any animal for shipment from the ports of Belfast and Londonderry which has been certified for a beef marketing subsidy payment shall have a circular punch hole of approximately one half inch diameter surrounded by a tattoo mark consisting of dots in a circular pattern placed in its left ear if the animal has not already drawn a calf subsidy payment in Northern Ireland.

## SCHEDULE 3

## Payments

1. If cattle are certified on a liveweight basis the rate of subsidy shall be £1.76 per cwt. or if they are certified on a deadweight basis the rate of subsidy payable shall be 2.88p per lb. kidney knob and channel fat in or 2.99p per lb. kidney knob and channel fat out or such other amount as may be determined by the Department.

2. Payments due to a presenter will be calculated to the nearest 1p. Any fraction of a new penny which is less than a new half penny will be disregarded and any other fraction of a new penny will be treated as a whole new penny.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme enables the Department of Agriculture to make payments in respect of eligible cattle, either slaughtered in Northern Ireland or sent out of Northern Ireland, at the rates set out in Schedule 3.