

1977 No. 124

AGRICULTURE

Cattle (Breeding Herds) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made 5th May 1977

Coming into operation 1st June 1977

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

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Cattle (Breeding Herds) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1977.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on 1st June 1977.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme—

“Department” means the Department of Agriculture;
the “1976 Scheme year” means the calendar year 1976.

Payment in respect of cows eligible for subsidy payment under the Beef Cow Scheme

3.—(1) The Department may make a payment of £3 in respect of each cow for which a subsidy payment may be made under the Beef Cow Scheme 1976(e).

(2) Payments under paragraph (1) shall be made to the same persons as payments made under the Beef Cow Scheme 1976.

Other payments

4.—(1) The Department may make a payment of £14 in respect of each beef breeding cow which is ineligible for a subsidy payment under the Beef Cow Scheme 1976 or a compensatory allowance under the Hill Livestock Compensatory Allowances Regulations 1975(f) as amended by the Hill Livestock Compensatory Allowances (Amendment) Regulations 1976(g) but which is maintained in a herd on 1st June 1977.

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

(b) 1954 c. 31 (N.I.)

(c) 1957 c. 3 (N.I.)

(d) By 1974 c. 28 Sch. 1 para. 2(1) and (2)

(e) S.I. 1976/2057

(f) S.I. 1975/2210 (1975 III p. 8312)

(g) S.I. 1976/1203

(2) A payment to a herdowner under paragraph (1) above shall not be made on a greater number of cows than that on which payment was made in respect of the 1976 Scheme year under the Cattle (Breeding Herds) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1968(h) as amended by the Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1973(i) and the Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1974(j).

(3) Payments shall be made to persons making application in such form and at such time as the Department may require and who otherwise satisfy the requirements of this Scheme.

Inspection of beef breeding cows for which application for payment is made under Article 4.

5.—(1) If a person authorised by the Department so requires the applicant shall—

- (a) gather or cause to be gathered together the herd to which his application relates at a convenient place for the purposes of counting and inspection, and give all reasonable assistance and afford all reasonable facilities for that purpose; and
- (b) produce such records and documents as may be required in support of his application.

(2) If an applicant fails to comply with any such requirement the Department may withhold all or any part of the payments which would otherwise have been payable to the applicant.

Recovery

6. Where any payment made to any person under this Scheme should not have been made because the cow was not eligible for payment the Department shall be entitled to recover on demand as a civil debt the payment made to that person.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 5th May 1977.

(L.S.)

J. A. Young

Permanent Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance on 9th May 1977.

(L.S.)

F. G. Dougall

Assistant Secretary

(h) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968 No. 166 (p. 779)
 (i) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 526 (II p. 3055)
 (j) S.R. 1974 No. 320 (II p. 1460)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme provides for the making of a payment of £3 in respect of each cow which is eligible for a subsidy payment under the Beef Cow Scheme 1976, and £14 in respect of certain other beef breeding cows not eligible under that Scheme or under the Hill Livestock Compensatory Allowances Regulations 1975.