

## 1979 No. 260

## ANIMALS

## Horse Breeding Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made . . . . . 23rd July 1979

Coming into operation . . . . . 22nd August 1979

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

*Citation and commencement*

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Horse Breeding Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 22nd August, 1979.

*Revocation*

2. The Horse Breeding Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1969(d) is hereby revoked.

*Interpretation*

3. In this Scheme—

“approved” means approved by the Department;

“horse” means an equine quadruped of 148 centimetres or over;

“General Stud Book” means the register of pedigrees of racehorses published by Weatherbys of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire;

“non-Thoroughbred” means a horse which is not entered in the General Stud Book;

“owner” includes the hirer of an approved stallion in accordance with Article 12;

“registered” means registered in accordance with this Scheme or included in any register of like horses in any other country where such a register is maintained or officially recognised by a competent authority in that country;

“stallion” means an uncastrated male horse whether of the Thoroughbred, Irish Draught, approved cross-bred of these breeds, or other approved breed;

“the Department” means the Department of Agriculture;

“the register” means the register maintained in accordance with Article 4;

“Thoroughbred” means a horse which is entered in the General Stud Book.

*Register of non-Thoroughbred mares*

4. The Department shall maintain a register of non-Thoroughbred mares in which shall be entered, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme, particulars of such mares and the names and addresses of their owners.

(a) Formerly Ministry; see 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

(b) As amended by Art. 5 of S.I. 1977/1245 (N.I. 12)

(c) 1949 c. 2 (N.I.)

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No. 49 (p. 229)

*Application in respect of mares*

5. The owner of a non-Thoroughbred mare aged 2 years or over may apply to the Department to have such mare entered on the register. Such application shall be made in such form and at such time as the Department may require.

*Inspection of mares*

6.—(1) The owner of the non-Thoroughbred mare in respect of which an application under Article 5 has been made shall present the mare for inspection by the Department at such time and place as the Department may require.

(2) Mares will be inspected for conformation, movement, height, physical condition, freedom from hereditary unsoundness and general suitability for breeding and for such other attributes as the Department may determine as the standards to be attained by a mare to qualify for entry on the register.

*Registration of mares*

7.—(1) When following such inspection the Department is satisfied that a non-Thoroughbred mare is suitable for registration it shall (a) register such mare and (b) issue to the owner of such mare a certificate of registration in respect of it.

(2) On receipt of such certificate the owner of a non-Thoroughbred mare shall henceforth comply with the conditions contained in Part I of the Schedule.

*Application in respect of stallions*

8. The owner of a stallion aged 3 years or over may apply to the Department to have such stallion approved for the service of registered mares. Such application shall be in such form and at such time as the Department may require.

*Inspection of stallions*

9.—(1) The owner of the stallion in respect of which an application under Article 8 has been made shall present the stallion for inspection by the Department at such time and place as the Department may require.

(2) Stallions will be inspected for conformation, movement, height, physical condition, freedom from hereditary unsoundness and general suitability for breeding and for such other attributes as the Department may determine as the standards to be attained by a stallion to qualify for approval.

*Approval of stallions*

10.—(1) When following such inspection the Department is satisfied that a stallion is suitable for approval it shall (a) approve such stallion and (b) issue to the owner of such stallion a certificate of approval in respect of it.

(2) On receipt of such certificate the owner of a stallion shall henceforth comply with the conditions contained in Part II of the Schedule.

*Progeny identification certificate*

11. The Department shall on written request issue a progeny identification certificate in respect of any foal resulting from the mating of a registered mare located in Northern Ireland and an approved stallion to the owner of such foal.

*Payment of grant*

12.—(1) The Department may pay a grant to any person who hires an approved stallion for breeding purposes in Northern Ireland. Such grant shall only be payable if the hirer has obtained prior approval in writing from the Department for such hiring.

(2) Such hiring and approval shall be subject to compliance by the hirer with the conditions set out in Part III of the Schedule.

(3) Grant shall be paid at such percentage as may be determined by the Department of the cost per annum to the hirer of the hire of such approved stallion.

(4) Application for payment of grant shall be made to the Department in such form and at such time as the Department may require.

*Cancellation of registration, approval or certificate*

13. When the owner of a horse registered or approved under this Scheme fails to observe or comply with any provision thereof applicable to that horse, the Department may cancel such registration or approval or any certificate issued in respect of such horse.

*Publication*

14. The Department may publish in such manner as it thinks fit any facts or information obtained by it in the course of the operation of this Scheme concerning any approved stallion or registered mare and the breeding of horses under this Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 23rd July 1979.

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*W. J. Hodges*  
Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 23rd July 1979.

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*R. McMurray*  
Assistant Secretary

## SCHEDULE

## PART I

*Conditions to be complied with in relation to a mare following upon registration.*

The owner or authorised agent shall—

1. countersign the approved certificate provided by the owner of the approved stallion of the service of the mare by that stallion;
2. keep a record of—
  - (a) the date of each service of the mare giving the name, and, where applicable, the name of the stallion used and the name and address of the owner thereof; and
  - (b) the date of birth and sex of any foal born to the mare whether born dead or alive;
3. after any foal born to the mare from an approved stallion reaches the age of 2 months and before the foal reaches the age of 6 months or is sold, whichever is the earlier, complete and return to the Department the approved foal return form;
4. if the mare is sold—
  - (a) pass the certificate of registration to the new owner; and
  - (b) notify the Department in writing of the name and address of the new owner;
5. if any foal born to the mare from an approved stallion is sold—
  - (a) pass the progeny identification certificate to the new owner; and
  - (b) notify the Department in writing of the name and address of the new owner;
6. provide for inspection by the Department such records and such other documents relating to the Scheme as the Department considers appropriate.

## PART II

*Conditions to be complied with in relation to a stallion following upon approval of it for service of registered mares.*

The owner or his authorised agent shall—

1. provide evidence satisfactory to the Department of the blood type of the stallion;
2. report in writing to the Department the occurrence of any contagious equine disease on the premises where the stallion is ordinarily kept;
3. ensure that the premises in which the stallion is ordinarily kept are constructed and maintained to such standards as the Department regards as satisfactory;
4. ensure that the facilities for service and inspection of mares are constructed and maintained to such standards as the Department regards as satisfactory;
5. ensure that the stallion and any mares to be served by it are cared for to such standards as the Department regards as satisfactory;

6. keep a record of—
  - (a) the date of service of any mare by the stallion;
  - (b) the name and address of the owner and the name of any mare served by the stallion, and, where applicable, the registration number of the mare;
7. complete and return to the Department not later than 31st October in any year the approved certificate of service of any registered mare by that stallion;
8. endorse at the time of service the approved certificate of registration pertaining to any registered mare served by the stallion;
9. if the stallion is sold—
  - (a) pass the certificate of approval to the new owner; and
  - (b) notify the Department in writing of the name and address of the new owner;
10. permit officers authorised in writing by the Department at all reasonable times to inspect the stallion;
11. provide for inspection by the Department such records and such documents relating to the Scheme as the Department considers appropriate.

### PART III

#### *Conditions of approval by the Department for the hire of stallions.*

The hirer shall—

1. ensure that the stallion is approved for the service of registered mares and furnish to the Department, if required, the certificate of approval in respect thereof;
2. furnish an annual declaration by a veterinary practitioner in a form satisfactory to the Department that the stallion and all other equine quadrupeds kept on premises with it are healthy.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme revokes and replaces the Horse Breeding Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1969.

It provides for:—

1. the registration of non-Thoroughbred mares and the approval of stallions considered suitable by the Department for breeding purposes; and
2. payments to encourage the keeping and use of good quality stallions.