

Ministry and empowers the registrar to appoint a person to hold an inquiry before determining such a question. Part IV prescribes the manner in which questions are to be determined by the registrar and provides for appeals from his decisions to lie to the adjudicator to whom the registrar may also refer a question instead of determining it himself. This Part also provides for review by the registrar of decisions on questions referred to him by the Ministry under Part III. The procedure for the issue, variation and cancellation of certificates by the registrar is prescribed in Part V which also includes matters connected therewith.

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AGRICULTURE**Poultry Breeding**

SCHEME, DATED 19TH FEBRUARY, 1960, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949(a).

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sub-Section (1) of Section nine of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Poultry Breeding (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1960, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of March, 1960.

Definition

2. "The principal Scheme" means the Poultry Breeding Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1958(b).

Amendments to Principal Scheme

3.—(1) For the provisions of the principal Scheme referred to in the first column of Appendix I there shall be substituted the provisions set out in the corresponding position in the second column of that Appendix.

(2) The provisions set forth in Appendix II shall be added to the principal Scheme at the places indicated in that Appendix.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 19th day of February, nineteen hundred and sixty.

(L.S.)

W. A. V. Sanderson,
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 19th day of February, nineteen hundred and sixty.

(L.S.)

K. R. Shimeld,
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1949. c. 2.

(b) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 80.

APPENDIX I

SUBSTITUTED PROVISIONS OF PRINCIPAL SCHEME

Column 1 <i>Provision of Principal Scheme</i>	Column 2 <i>Provision substituted</i>
Sub-paragraph 7(1)(a)	<p>“submit to the Ministry, for approval at the beginning of each breeding year, his proposed breeding programme for the following year, and such programme shall include the recording individually of each egg laid by all pullets which are part of his breeding programme from the laying of the first egg until the birds are 500 days old or have completed one year’s laying, whichever is the earlier, provided</p> <p>(i) that the Ministry may require, when the birds are 250 days old, the recording to be discontinued of those pullets which, at that age, do not appear to the Ministry to be worthy of selection as potential breeding stock, and</p> <p>(ii) that the Ministry may, where it seems desirable, approve of a breeding programme which includes the recording of all pullets until they are 250 days old only.”</p>
Sub-paragraph 7(1)(g)	<p>“take such precautions against disease as the Ministry may from time to time direct.”</p>
Article 11	<p>“11.—(1) The Ministry shall pay to each breeder at the end of each breeding year or at the end of the trapnesting period on which payment is based a sum calculated as follows:—</p> <p>(a) Where the recording of all the eggs laid by pullets is carried out in accordance with the approved breeding programme until the birds are 250 days old—4/- per pullet; and</p> <p>(b) Where, subject to the provisions of Article 7(1)(a), the recording of all the eggs laid by pullets is continued in accordance with the approved breeding programme from the time when the birds are 250 days old until they are 500 days old or have completed one year’s laying—a further 6/- per pullet.</p> <p>(2) A breeder removed from the register or who voluntarily leaves the Scheme during a breeding year shall not be entitled to any payment for that year.</p> <p>(3) A breeder using a supply farm system for the multiplication of stock shall not qualify for financial assistance under the terms of this Article.”</p>

APPENDIX II

NEW PROVISIONS ADDED TO PRINCIPAL SCHEME

1. After sub-paragraph (h) of paragraph (1) of Article 7 there shall be added the following sub-paragraph:—

“(i) give the Ministry two weeks’ notice of the dates when birds are to be wingtabbed and initially housed for trapnesting.”

2. After Article 11 there shall be added the following Article:—

“*Blood Testing*

12.—(1) A breeder shall ensure that his stock is blood tested in the manner laid down in the Third Schedule.

(2) Where on any farm any bird shows a positive reaction to the said test, the sale of hatching eggs and chicks shall cease immediately and shall not be resumed until authorised by the Ministry.

(3) Application for entry into the Scheme shall not be finally accepted until the stock of the applicant has passed a blood test in accordance with the Third Schedule.

(4) Blood testing shall be carried out and the birds ringed free of charge by an officer of the Ministry duly authorised for this purpose.

(5) The stock of each breeder shall be blood tested at such intervals as the Ministry may require.”

3. After the Second Schedule there shall be added the following Schedule:—

“THIRD SCHEDULE

BLOOD TESTING

Adequate assistance shall be provided by the breeder or applicant when the blood samples are being taken. No blood testing other than that carried out by the Ministry shall be recognised for the purposes of this Scheme.

All adult birds on a farm shall be tested and if no reactor is found the farm shall be considered to have passed the test.

Where not more than 2 per cent. of reactors are found in any one flock, one clear test shall suffice. Where more than 2 per cent. of reactors occur in any one flock the Ministry may require two consecutive clear tests of this flock.

Where the Ministry is satisfied that there is widespread infection on any farm, it may require two consecutive clear tests of all the birds on the farm.

The sale of a flock in which reactors are found shall not necessarily relieve the owner of the obligation to have further testing carried out. All reactors shall be removed immediately from the flocks and disposed of for table purposes.

In this Schedule “reactor” means a bird which shows a positive reaction to a blood test carried out by the Ministry.”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Amendment to the Poultry Breeding Scheme provides for free blood testing for disease purposes of breeders’ birds. Breeders using a supply farm system for multiplying stock are made ineligible for financial assistance under the Scheme and the Ministry is given powers to discontinue payment for trapnesting birds which are unlikely to prove good breeding stock.