

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations revoke Regulations made in 1957. The Ministry may pay a 65% contribution towards expenditure incurred by managers of voluntary primary, intermediate and special schools for external maintenance of school premises. The Regulations prescribe the conditions of grant. They retain the general substance of the revoked Regulations but for the sake of clarity a definition of "external maintenance" has been given for the first time.

1962. No. 110

This Order has been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland), 1958. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules and Orders of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.

1962. No. 111

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ANIMAL

Bull Subsidies

SCHEME, DATED 18TH JUNE, 1962, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949(a), 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 Subsidy Bull Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1962, and shall come into operation on 1st July, 1962.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme—

"Approved" means approved by the Ministry of Agriculture.

"Subsidy" means the payment which a group will receive towards the purchase price of an approved bull.

"Approved bull" means a bull which has been approved as being suitable for use as a stock bull.

"Approved sale" means a cattle sale approved as a selection centre.

"Pedigree" means entered in or eligible for entry in the Herd Book of the breed concerned and earmarked in accordance with the appropriate Herd Book regulations.

(a) 1949. c. 2.

Purpose of Scheme

3. The Ministry may grant subsidies to assist approved groups of cattle breeders to purchase approved bulls for use in their herds in Northern Ireland.

Eligible Breeds

4. Only pedigree bulls of the Aberdeen Angus, Ayrshire, British Friesian, Dairy Shorthorn, Galloway and Hereford breeds shall be eligible to be selected as approved bulls.

Selection and Inspection of Bulls

5. Save in exceptional circumstances, bulls shall be selected by the Ministry only from those bulls which are entered and exhibited at approved sales. Where a bull is purchased with the approval of the Ministry at a private sale the group shall obtain from the vendor a written guarantee of the fertility of the bull.

Application for Subsidy

6.—(1) An application from a group of breeders wishing to purchase a bull under the Scheme shall be made to the Ministry, in such form as the Ministry may require, at least one month before the date of the sale at which the group proposes to make such purchase.

(2) A group shall consist of three or more breeders each of whom is experienced in the breeding of pedigree cattle, save that the Ministry may grant a subsidy to a group consisting of only two breeders where, in the Ministry's opinion, special circumstances exist.

(3) When an application from a group is approved the Ministry shall notify the members of the group of the maximum amount of the subsidy offered and of the conditions on which a bull may be purchased.

Conditions Applicable to the Purchase and Placing out of a Subsidy Bull

7.—(1) The conditions applicable to the purchase and placing out of a subsidy bull are as set forth in the Schedule.

(2) In addition to the payment of subsidy as in Article 8 the Ministry may pay:—

- (a) where the bull is conveyed by public transport from the place of sale to the purchaser's farm, two-thirds of the cost of the carriage so incurred; and
- (b) two-thirds of any veterinary and quarantine fees, including medicinal expenses, incurred in connection with the importation of the bull, and two-thirds of the cost of such maintenance of the bull as is necessary and reasonable from the date of its purchase until its entry to the Ministry's Quarantine Station.

Value of Subsidy

8.—(1) The amount of subsidy which the Ministry may grant to a group of breeders in respect of a bull shall not exceed two-thirds of the approved purchase price, subject to such maximum amount of subsidy in respect of any one bull as the Ministry may determine.

(2) The subsidy shall not be payable to a group until the receipt for the purchase price of the bull has been lodged with the Ministry.

Penalties

9.—(1) In the event of any infringement of or non-compliance with the terms of the Scheme the Ministry may withhold payment, in whole or in part, of the subsidy and any other amount which may be payable under the Scheme.

(2) Any person who, through misrepresentation or fraud, receives or claims any subsidy or payment under the Scheme may, in addition to any penalty to which he may be liable by law, be debarred from obtaining in future any benefit under the Scheme.

General

10.—(1) Should any dispute arise among the members of a group or between a member of a group and any other person outside such group either in relation to the number or precedence of cows to be served by the bull or any other matter arising from the placing out of the bull, such dispute shall be referred to the Ministry.

(2) If a person who has received any payment under the Scheme fails to comply with any condition or requirement of the Scheme, he shall be liable to refund to the Ministry the full amount of the subsidy and any other payment which he has received from the Ministry in connection with the purchase of the bull.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 18th day of June, nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

(L.S.)

J. C. Baird,
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 18th day of June, nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

(L.S.)

K. R. Shimeld,
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

Conditions Applicable to the Purchase and Placing out of Subsidy Bulls

1. The group shall be responsible for the purchase of and payment for the bull. A bull shall not be considered for subsidy purposes unless it has been approved by the Ministry prior to purchase.

2. The bull shall be maintained by the group in good health and condition on a farm in Northern Ireland owned by a member of the group and shall not, without the consent of the Ministry, be disposed of within a period of five years from the date on which it arrives on the said farm.

3. The Ministry may, if it so desires, acquire full possession of the bull at any time after one year from the date on which the bull arrives on the purchaser's farm, provided that the Ministry shall refund to the group:

- (a) where such acquisition is effected within five years of such date, an amount equal to the difference between the approved purchase price and the subsidy; and

(b) where such acquisition is effected after the expiration of five years from such date, either an amount equal to one-half of the difference between the approved purchase price and the subsidy or an amount equal to that which would be obtained if the bull were then sold for slaughter, whichever is the greater.

4. The progeny of the bull shall not be sold or otherwise disposed of without first being offered for sale in such manner as may be required by the Ministry.

5. The group shall take all necessary precautions to keep the bull free from any disease which would impair its usefulness. Any case of sickness or injury affecting the bull shall be reported to the Ministry immediately and the group shall, if required by the Ministry, provide at its own expense a certificate from a veterinary surgeon regarding such injury or illness. In the event of the death of the bull before the completion of the stipulated period of five years the group shall obtain at its own expense a certificate from a veterinary surgeon as to cause of death and shall forward such certificate to the Ministry without delay.

6. Should the Ministry so require, the group shall make the bull available for the service of pedigree cows owned by persons outside the group provided that the group shall have the right to demand from the owner of any such cow a certificate given by a veterinary surgeon declaring that the cow to be served is free from any communicable disease likely to affect the bull or impair its usefulness. The fee for such service shall not exceed 15 guineas for each cow.

7. The amount for which the group may insure the bull shall not exceed the outlay incurred by the group in connection with its purchase.

8. The group shall keep, in respect of each service given by the bull, a record showing the date of service, the name and earmark of the cow and the name of the owner and such record shall be made available for inspection by the Ministry as required; where the bull serves cows owned by members of the group the said record shall, in addition, include dates of birth and sex of resulting progeny.

9. After the purchase of the bull the group shall complete, in such form as the Ministry may require, an undertaking to observe and comply with all the requirements and conditions set out therein and of the Scheme generally.

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