

sections one to nine of the Act shall come into operation on such day as the Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") may by Order appoint;

Now, therefore, the Ministry in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section ten of the Act and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

(1) The first day of March, 1962, is hereby appointed as the day on which sections one to nine of the Act shall come into operation.

(2) This Order may be cited as the Foyle Fisheries (Appointed Day) Order (Northern Ireland), 1962.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this twentieth day of February, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two, in the presence of

(L.S.)

W. J. Thompson,
Assistant Secretary.

1962. No. 25

[NC]

DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND PESTS

Importation of Raw Vegetables

ORDER, DATED 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1962, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND PESTS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1877 TO 1934.

This Order, permitting the importation of certain vegetables for specified periods during the months March to October, 1962, being of temporary effect, is not printed at length in this volume.

1962. No. 26

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ANIMAL

Ram Subsidies

SCHEME, DATED 23RD FEBRUARY, 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 Ram Subsidies Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1962, and shall come into operation on 9th March, 1962.

(a) 1949. c. 2.

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 of an approved ram.

“Approved ram” means a ram which has been approved as being suitable for use as a stock ram.

“Approved sale” means a sheep sale approved as a selection centre.

“Shearling ram” means a male sheep born in the normal lambing season of the year immediately preceding that in which the ram is approved for purchase.

Object of Scheme

3. The Ministry may grant subsidies to assist groups of flock owners to purchase approved rams for use in their flocks in Northern Ireland.

Eligible Breeds

4. Only pure-bred rams of the Blackface, Border Leicester and Suffolk breeds shall be eligible to be selected as approved rams.

Selection and Inspection of Rams

5. Save in exceptional circumstances approved rams shall be selected by the Ministry only from those ram lambs and shearling rams which are entered and exhibited at approved sales. To be eligible for inspection, Blackface rams shall have been marked on the horn in accordance with breed practice and Border Leicester and Suffolk rams shall have been earmarked and entered in the Flock Book of the breed concerned.

Application for Subsidies

6.—(1) Applications from groups of breeders who, if selected, are prepared to purchase an approved ram shall be made to the Ministry in such form as the Ministry may require, not later than the 31st July in each year or by such other date as the Ministry may determine.

(2) A group shall normally consist of two or more breeders who have had experience in the breeding of pedigree sheep save that the Ministry may grant a subsidy to an individual breeder where, in the Ministry's opinion, special circumstances exist.

(3) Where an application is approved, the Ministry shall inform all members of that group of the maximum amount of the subsidy offered and of the conditions on which a ram may be purchased.

Conditions applicable to the Purchase and Placing out of a Subsidy Ram

7. The conditions applicable to the purchase and placing out of a subsidy ram are as set forth in the Schedule.

Value of Subsidy

8.—(1) The amount of subsidy which the Ministry may grant to a group of breeders in respect of a ram shall not exceed three-fifths of the amount remaining after a sum of £40 has been subtracted from the approved purchase price of the ram, subject to such maximum amount of subsidy in respect of any one ram as the Ministry may determine.

(2) In addition to the payment of subsidy as in paragraph (1) the Ministry may pay—

- (a) where the ram is conveyed by public transport from the sale or from the vendor's farm to the purchaser's farm, half the cost of the carriage so incurred, and
- (b) half of any veterinary and quarantine fees incurred in connection with the importation of the ram.

(3) The subsidy shall not be payable to a group until the purchase receipt for the ram has been lodged with the Ministry.

Penalties

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

(2) Any person who, through misrepresentation or fraud, receives or claims any subsidy or payment under this Scheme may, in addition to any penalty to which he may be liable by law, be debarred from obtaining in future any benefit under this 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 ewes to be served by the ram or any other matter arising from the placing out of the ram, such dispute shall be referred to the Ministry for decision.

(2) If a person who has received any payment under this Scheme fails to comply with any condition or requirement of this 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 ram.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of February, 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 23rd day of February, nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

(L.S.)

K. R. Shimeld,

Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

Conditions applicable to the Purchase and Placing out of Subsidy Rams

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

2. The ram 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 four mating seasons from the date of purchase.

3. The male progeny of the ram shall, where required by the Ministry, be offered for sale only at sales held under the authority of the Ulster Ram Breeders' Association or the Suffolk Sheep Society (Northern Ireland Branch).

4. The group shall take all necessary precautions to keep the ram free from any disease which would prejudice its usefulness. Any case of sickness or injury affecting the ram 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 ram before the completion of the stipulated period of four mating seasons, the group shall obtain at its own expense a certificate from a Veterinary Surgeon and shall forward such certificate to the Ministry without delay.

5. Should the Ministry so require, the group shall make the ram available for the service of pure-bred ewes owned by persons outside the group provided that the group shall have the right to demand from the owner of any such ewe a certificate given by a Veterinary Surgeon declaring that the ewe to be served is free from any communicable disease likely to affect the ram or impair its usefulness. The fee for such service shall not exceed £4 4s. 0d. for each ewe and where the group is required to allow such ewes to run with the ram on pasture belonging to a member of the group no additional charge shall be made for the first four weeks of this period; thereafter the group may charge up to 5/- per week for each ewe so maintained.

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

7. The group shall keep, in respect of each service given by the ram, a record showing the date of service, the earmark or horn mark of the ewe and the name of the owner and such record shall be made available for inspection by the Ministry as required; in the case of ewes owned by members of the group, the said record shall, in addition, include dates of birth and sex of the resulting progeny.

8. After the purchase of the ram the group shall complete, in such form as the Ministry may determine, an undertaking to observe all the conditions and requirements of the Scheme.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme provides for the payment of subsidies in respect of the purchase of approved stock rams of the Blackface, Border Leicester and Suffolk breeds.