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AGRICULTURE**Sugar Beet**

SCHEME, DATED 8TH FEBRUARY, 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954(a), AS AMENDED BY THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1957(b).

The Minister of Agriculture with the approval of the Minister of Finance and in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Acts (Northern Ireland) 1954 and 1957, and of all other powers him thereunto enabling, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Sugar Beet Development Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1966.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on the 9th day of February, 1966.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme the following terms have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

“Farmer” means a person or corporate body owning and occupying agricultural land in Northern Ireland.

“Approved” means approved by the Ministry of Agriculture.

General

3. For the purpose of facilitating investigation of the factors affecting the growing of sugar beet on a commercial scale in Northern Ireland the Ministry may make payments by way of grants to approved farmers in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme.

Applications

4. Farmers who wish to participate in the growing of sugar beet under the terms of this Scheme shall apply to the Ministry in such form and at such time as the Ministry may by public notice direct.

Provisional Approval

5. The Ministry shall provisionally approve those applicants who—

(a) undertake to grow in the next succeeding season on land which is approved as suitable for the purpose such minimum acreage of sugar beet as the Ministry may for that season determine;

(b) reside in an area where in the Ministry's opinion facilities for the mechanised production and harvesting of the crop are likely to be available.

Approval

6.—(1) To qualify for approval a provisionally approved applicant shall—

- (a) afford to the Ministry or any of its officers such facilities as may be required for examination of his land and crop;
- (b) provide such information as the Ministry may require regarding the cultivation, harvesting, transport and sale of his crop;
- (c) comply with any instructions issued by the Ministry in relation to the cultivation, harvesting or disposal of his crop; and
- (d) sell his crop to an approved purchaser for the purpose of the extraction of sugar.

(2) All provisionally approved applicants who comply with this Article shall be deemed to be approved applicants.

Withdrawal of approval

7. The Ministry may withdraw the approval of an applicant if he fails to comply with the requirements of this Scheme or supplies the Ministry with information which he knows to be false.

Grant

8. Approved applicants shall apply for payment of grant in such form and at such time as the Ministry may direct.

Method of calculating amount of grant

9. The payment to each approved applicant shall be assessed by the Ministry in the following manner:—

- (a) the approved transport cost per ton of the beet consigned by the applicant to the purchaser's premises shall be re-calculated in terms of the transport cost per ton of clean beet making provision for 85 per cent. of the consignment being clean beet;
- (b) the transport cost per ton of clean beet calculated in accordance with paragraph (a) shall be adjusted by:—
 - (i) the subtraction therefrom of (a) the amount of any payment or refund received by the applicant from any other source to reduce the freight cost; and (b) 14s. 6d. or such other sum as may be decided in the event of a change in the transport charge arrangements applicable to growers of sugar beet in Great Britain; and
 - (ii) the addition to or the subtraction therefrom of respectively any amount by which the price per ton of clean beet received by the applicant falls below or exceeds the guaranteed price for equivalent clean beet in Great Britain at the time of the sale;
- (c) the amount payable by the Ministry to the approved applicant shall be the transport cost per ton of clean beet adjusted in accordance with paragraph (b) multiplied by the tonnage of clean beet sold by the applicant.

Further provisions regarding payment of grant

10. If the Ministry, having made a payment under this Scheme, finds that such payment ought not to have been made in whole or in part it may recover as a civil debt from the person to whom such payment was made the whole or any part of the sum already paid, or may withhold or cause to be withheld

any subsequent payment which might otherwise be made to that person under any Scheme under which grant may be paid by the Ministry.

11. The aggregate of grants to approved applicants made under this Scheme shall not in any year exceed such amount as the Ministry after consultation with the Ulster Farmers' Union and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance may determine.

12. No grant under this Scheme shall be made by the Ministry after 31st March, 1968.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1966.

H. W. West,
Minister of Agriculture
for Northern Ireland.

I approve of the foregoing Scheme.

Dated this 9th day of February, 1966.

H. V. Kirk,
Minister of Finance
for Northern Ireland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme specifies the conditions under which growers of sugar beet may qualify for a grant towards the cost of transporting their crop and details the method by which the amount of grant is calculated.

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WAGES COUNCILS

Wages Regulation (Linen and Cotton Handkerchief and Household Goods and Linen Piece Goods)

ORDER, DATED 14TH FEBRUARY, 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE WAGES COUNCILS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1945.

This Order was revoked by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 44.