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AGRICULTURE**Eggs**

SCHEME, DATED 11TH FEBRUARY 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954 AS AMENDED BY THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1957.

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

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Eggs (Feed Price Allowance) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1971 and shall come into operation on 15th day of February 1971.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme:—

“eggs” means eggs in shell laid by hens in Northern Ireland;

“Egg Packer” means the holder of a Class A wholesale dealer’s licence issued under the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland) 1957(c),

“feed price allowance” means the amount paid to an egg packer under Article 3,

the expressions “first quality” and “soiled otherwise of first quality” have the meanings assigned to them in Rule 20(2)(a) of the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland) 1966(d),

“Ministry” means the Ministry of Agriculture,

“throughput” means in relation to an egg packer the total number of first quality eggs and soiled eggs otherwise of first quality which are 1½ oz or more in weight and which have been purchased by that packer from producers.

Object

3. With the object of assisting farmers to meet the cost of poultry feed the Ministry may subject to the provisions of this Scheme pay to an egg packer in respect of his throughput the sum of 0·14p for each dozen eggs of throughput for the benefit of the producers thereof as provided by this Scheme.

Application for payment

4. Application for payment of feed price allowance shall be made by an egg packer to the Ministry at intervals of one calendar week in such form and giving such information as the Ministry may require.

(a) 1954. c. 31.

(b) 1957. c. 3.

(c) 1957. c. 27.

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 150.

Payment of producers

5. An egg packer shall:—

- (1) pay to the producer of any eggs in respect of which he receives a feed price allowance the full amount of the feed price allowance received by him in respect of those eggs. The payment shall be made not later than when he pays the producer for the eggs or four weeks from the date on which he makes application to the Ministry for the feed price allowance whichever shall first occur;
- (2) show separately by prominently displaying the words "Feed Price Allowance" on the payment advice notes supplied to the producer from whom he purchases any eggs the amount of feed price allowances received by him in respect of those eggs.

Records

6. An egg packer shall:—

- (1) keep a record showing in respect of each day the name and address of every producer from whom he purchased eggs whether direct or through a person licensed as a Class B wholesale dealer under the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland) 1957 and the number of first quality eggs and soiled eggs otherwise of first quality which are 1½ oz or more in weight purchased from each producer;
- (2) retain a copy of the payment advice note issued to each producer in respect of the feed price allowance.

7.—(1) The records required to be kept under Article 6 shall be kept for a period of at least two years from the making of the record.

(2) An egg packer who applies for payment of the feed price allowance shall furnish such records or any particulars or extracts therefrom to the Ministry on demand and shall permit any officer of the Ministry to enter his premises and inspect such records and shall produce such records for inspection by such officer. An officer of the Ministry shall be entitled to make copies of any entries therein.

Dated this 11th day of February 1971.

Phelim R. H. O'Neill,
Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

I approve the foregoing Scheme.

Dated this 11th day of February 1971.

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.)

The Scheme provides for payments to the egg producers of Northern Ireland to assist them towards meeting the cost of poultry feed.