STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 490

AGRICULTURE

The Sheep Annual Premium (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - -	*27th November 2003*
Coming into operation	*1st December 2003*

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, being a Department designated(**1**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**2**) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Sheep Annual Premium (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 1st December 2003.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations, "the principal Regulations" means the Sheep Annual Premium Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(**3**).

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**4**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendments

3.—(1) The principal Regulations shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) For regulation 3(2) (application for premium) there shall be substituted the following paragraph –

> "(2) A producer who applies for a premium in respect of a given marketing year shall submit his application to the competent authority –

(**1**) S.I. 2000/2812
(**2**) 1972 c. 68
(**3**) S.R. 1992 No. 476 as previously amended by S.R. 1994 No. 404, S.R. 1995 No. 403, S.R. 1996 No. 497, S.R. 1997 No. 485, S.R. 1998 No. 440, S.R. 1999 No. 457, S.R. 2000 No. 301, S.R. 2001 No 411 and S.R. 2002 No. 368
(**4**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)