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The Suckler Cow Premium Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993

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The Department of Agriculture being a Department designated(**a**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**b**) 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 Suckler Cow Premium Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1993.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations:—

"applicant" means a producer who has applied for premium;

"authorised person" means any person authorised in writing by the Department to act for the purposes of regulation 5;

"cattle" means cows and heifers;

"Commission Regulation 3886/92" means Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 3886/92(**c**) laying down detailed rules for the application of the premium schemes provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No. 805/68 on the common organisation of the market in beef and repealing Regulations (EEC) No. 1244/82 and (EEC) No. 714/89, as amended by Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 538/93(**d**);

"Commission Regulation 3887/92" means Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 3887/92(**e**) laying down detailed rules for applying the integrated administration and control system for certain Community aid schemes;

"premium" means a premium for suckler cows which is payable under Article 4d of the Council Regulation;

(**a**) S.I. 1972/1811
(**b**) 1972 c. 68; section 2 is subject to Schedule 2 to that Act and is to be read with S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3) and S.R. 1984 No. 253.
(**c**) O.J. No. L391, 31.12.92, p. 20
(**d**) O.J. No. L57, 10.3.93, p. 19
(**e**) O.J. No. L391, 31.12.92, p. 36

"producer" has the same meaning as in Article 4a of the Council Regulation;

"relevant date" means, in relation to an applicant, the date on which his application was submitted to the Department;

"specified control measure" means any check which a Member State is required to carry out under Article 6 of Commission Regulation 3887/92;

"specified record" means any record which is required to be retained by virtue of regulation 4;

"the Council Regulation" means Council Regulation (EEC) No. 805/68 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal(**a**), as amended so far as is relevant to these Regulations, by Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2066/92(**b**) and Council Regulation (EEC) No. 125/93(**c**);

"the Department" means the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

(2) Other expressions used in these Regulations have, in so far as the context admits, the same meaning as in the Council Regulation and the Commission Regulations.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**d**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Applications

3.—(1) For the purpose of Article 24(2) of Commission Regulation 3886/92, the period in each calendar year during which an application for premium may be submitted shall be the period from and including 1st July to and including 11th December in that calendar year.

(2) A producer shall not be entitled to submit more than one application for premium during any one calendar year.

Retention of records

4.—(1) An applicant shall retain for a period of four years from the relevant date any bill, account, receipt, voucher or other record relating to—

(*a*) the number of cattle kept on his holding during the period of six months following that date, and

(*b*) any transaction concerning cattle, milk or milk products carried out by him on that date and during the period of twelve months following that date.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of paragraph (1), an applicant shall either—

(**a**) O.J. No. L148, 28.6.68, p. 24 (O.J./S.E. 1968 p. 187)
(**b**) O.J. No. L215, 30.7.92, p. 49
(**c**) O.J. No. L18, 27.1.93, p. 1
(**d**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)