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Artificial Insemination of Cattle (Assistance) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1989

Made . . . . . 3rd January 1989

Coming into operation . . 3rd February 1989

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 1(1) and 2(1) of the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**b**), hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Artificial Insemination of Cattle (Assistance) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1989 and shall come into operation on 3rd February 1989.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Scheme:—

"the Act" means the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954;

"approved semen" means processed semen which—

(*a*) is from a bull of such beef breed as the Department has approved for the purposes of Article 5, and

(*b*) has been collected, stored, distributed and used in accordance with the 1988 Regulations;

"authorised officer" means an officer of the Department authorised for the purposes of Article 9;

"beef breed" means any breed of cattle intended for meat production;

"Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"insemination fee" means the fee charged to the owner of a cow by the holder of a supply licence for the provision to him of an artificial insemination service;

"payment" means a payment under section 1(1) of the Act made in accordance with this Scheme;

"quarter" means any period of 3 months, ending on 31st March, 30th June, 30th September or 31st December; and

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(**a**) 1954 c. 31 (N.I.) as amended by 1957 c. 3 (N.I.) and S.I. 1984/702 (N.I. 2) Art. 7

(**b**) Formerly the Department of Finance: *see* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

"the 1988 Regulations" means the Artificial Insemination of Cattle Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988(**a**);

(2) Other expressions used in this Scheme have the same meaning as in the 1988 Regulations.

Payments

3. For the purpose of assisting the agricultural industry in Northern Ireland and for the benefit (whether direct or indirect) of farmers producing cattle, the Department may, on application made to it, make payments, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of this Scheme, towards the cost of the artificial insemination of a cow carried out in accordance with Article 5.

Rates of payment

4. The Department shall determine and publish the rate of payments.

Artificial inseminations eligible for payments

5. Payments may be made towards the cost of the artificial insemination of cows with approved semen:—

(*a*) by the holder of a farm inseminator licence carried out under the authority and in accordance with the conditions of that licence; or

(*b*) by the holder of a commercial inseminator licence carried out under the authority and in accordance with the conditions of that licence.

Applications for payments

6.—(1) Where a cow has been artificially inseminated in accordance with Article 5(*a*), the owner of that cow may apply to the Department for a payment.

(2) Where a cow has been artificially inseminated in accordance with Article 5(*b*) the holder of the supply licence who supplied the services of the person who carried out that insemination may apply to the Department for a payment provided the amount of any insemination fee payable to him for that insemination has been reduced by the amount of the payment he expects to receive.

7.—(1) Applications for a payment shall be in such form and contain such information as the Department may determine.

(2) Each application under Article 6(1) shall be made for all the payments for which the applicant is eligible in a quarter.

(3) Each application under Article 6(2) shall be made for all the payments for which the applicant is eligible in a month.

(4) The Department shall not make a payment in any case where the application therefor is received more than 28 days after the end of the period to which it relates.

(a) S.R. 1988 No. 339