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The Suckler Cow Premium Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987

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Coming into operation . .	*1st April 1987*

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 upon it by that section and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Title and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Suckler Cow Premium Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1987.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations:—

"authorised officer" means an officer of the competent authority authorised by it to discharge that authority's functions under the principal Council Regulation, the additional Council Regulation, the Commission Regulation and these Regulations;

"the Commission Regulation" means Regulation (EEC) No. 1244/82 of the Commission of 19 May 1982(**c**) as amended by Regulation (EEC) No. 1709/83 of 24 June 1983(**d**);

"the principal Council Regulation" means Regulation (EEC) No. 1357/80 of the Council of 5 June 1980(**e**) as amended by Regulation (EEC) No. 1417/81 of the Council of 19 May 1981(**f**), Regulation (EEC) No. 1198/82 of the Council of 18 May 1982(**g**) and Regulation (EEC) No. 3802/85 of the Council of 20 December 1985(**h**);

(**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. L143, 20.5.82, p. 20
(**d**) O.J. No. L166, 25.6.83, p. 16
(**e**) O.J. No. L140, 5.6.80, p. 1
(**f**) O.J. No. L142, 28.5.81, p. 4
(**g**) O.J. No. L140, 20.5.82, p. 28
(**h**) O.J. No. L367, 31.12.85 p. 35

"the additional Council Regulation" means Regulation (EEC) No. 1199/82 of the Council of 18 May 1982(**a**) as amended by Regulation (EEC) No. 1216/83 of the Council of 17 May 1983(**b**), Regulation (EEC) No. 870/84 of the Council of 31 March 1984(**c**), Regulation (EEC) No. 1309/85 of the Council of 23 May 1985(**d**) and Regulation (EEC) No. 1348/86 of the Council of 6 May 1986(**e**);

"the competent authority" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 3;

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

"the Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; and

"premium" means a suckler cow premium which is payable under the principal Council Regulation or the additional Council Regulation or the payment of which from national funds is authorised by Article 3(2) of the principal Council Regulation or Article 2 of the additional Council Regulation.

(2) Other expressions used in these regulations have, in so far as the context admits, the same meanings as in the principal Council Regulation, the additional Council Regulation and the Commission Regulation.

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

Appointment of competent authority

3. For the purpose of the principal Council Regulation, the additional Council Regulation, the Commission Regulation and these regulations, the competent authority is the Department.

Obligations to permit inspection

4.—(1) Where a producer has given an undertaking under Article 2(2) of the principal Council Regulation, or where the successor of a producer has given an undertaking under Article 4(3) of the Commission Regulation, that producer or successor shall permit an authorised officer, accompanied by such persons acting under his instructions as appear to him to be necessary for the purpose, at all reasonable times and on production of his authority on demand, to—

(*a*) verify the total area of land farmed by that producer or successor;

(*b*) inspect and count any cattle kept by that producer or successor on such land;

(*c*) inspect, and make such copies or take such extracts as the officer thinks fit of,

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(**a**) O.J. No. L140, 20.5.82, p. 30
(**b**) O.J. No. L132, 21.5.83, p. 16
(**c**) O.J. No. L90, 1.4.84, p. 34
(**d**) O.J. No. L137, 27.5.85, p. 18
(**e**) O.J. No. L119, 8.5.86, p. 42
(**f**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)