1986 No. 254

AGRICULTURE

Grassland (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1986

Made	*1st August 1986*
Coming into operation . . .	*2nd August 1986*

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 6(1) of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(**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 Grassland (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1986 and shall come into operation on 2nd August 1986

Amendment of the Grassland Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1986

2. The Grassland Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1986(**c**) shall be amended as follows—

(*a*) in Article 2—

(i) after the definition of ''the Department'' there shall be inserted the following definition—

'' ''designated map'' means the map marked ''map of less favoured farming areas in Northern Ireland'', dated 4th April 1984, signed by the Secretary of State and deposited at the office of the Department at Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3SB;''

(ii) for the definition of ''less favoured areas'', there shall be substituted the following definitions—

'' ''less favoured area'' means land which is situated in an area included in the list of less favoured farming areas adopted by the Council or the Commission of the European Communities under Article 2 of Council Directive No. 75/268/EEC(**d**) on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less favoured areas which land is within the area shaded blue or shaded pink on the designated map;

''severely disadvantaged area'' means a less favoured area which is within the area shaded pink on the designated map;''

(*b*) for Article 3 there shall be substituted—

''*Application of Scheme*

3. Claims may be made under this Scheme which relate to any area of Northern Ireland except insofar as it has been designated a severely disadvantaged area.'';

(**a**) 1949 c. 2 (N.I.)
(**b**) Formerly the Department of Finance: *see* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3
(**c**) S.R. 1986 No. 113
(**d**) O.J. No. L128, 19 May 1975, p. 1; Article 2 was amended by Council Directive No. 80/666/EEC (O.J. No. L180, 14 July 1980, p. 34)

(*c*) after Article 5 there shall be inserted—

"*Less favoured areas*

5A. The Department shall not pay grant under Article 5(*a*) or (*c*) on expenditure which relates to a less favoured area.";

(*d*) after Article 9 there shall be inserted—

"*Notification of area and limit*

9A.—(1) Before incurring expenditure upon which it is intended to claim grant a person shall notify the Department in writing of the area of land in respect of which grant is to be claimed.

(2) The area of land in respect of which the Department may pay grant under this Scheme shall not exceed 7 hectares in respect of any agricultural business.

(3) This Article shall not apply to work commenced before 2nd August 1986.";

(*e*) for Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the Schedule.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 1st August 1986.

(L.S.) *N. E. Morrison*
Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 1st August 1986.

(L.S.) *R. G. Smartt*
Assistant Secretary