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AGRICULTURE

Seed Potato (Improvement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1983

Made . . . . . 25th February 1983

Coming into operation . . . 25th March 1983

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 1(1) and (4) and 2(1) of the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**c**) hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Seed Potato (Improvement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 25th March 1983.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme—

"the Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"the Company" means Seed Potato Promotions (Northern Ireland) Limited.

Payments to the Company

3. For the purpose of assisting the agricultural industry in Northern Ireland by improving the quality, production and marketing of seed potatoes and for the benefit of farmers engaged in the production of seed potatoes the Department may, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme, make payments to the Company amounting to the whole or part of expenditure incurred or to be incurred by it for the purposes of increasing efficiency in the growing, handling, storage, transporting or marketing of seed potatoes which purposes are further explained in Article 4.

Purpose of payments

4.—(1) Without prejudice to the generality of Article 3 the purposes therein referred to may relate to—

(*a*) the growing and production and encouragement of the growing and production of stocks of seed potatoes which have a high degree of freedom from disease;

(*b*) increasing publicity relating to the seed potato industry;

(*c*) conducting or assisting in conducting research and development work and work of an experimental nature in connection with the breeding, growing, handling, storage, transport or marketing of seed potatoes;

(*d*) surveying and developing markets for seed potatoes; and

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(**a**) 1954 c. 31 (N.I.) as amended by 1957 c. 3 (N.I.) s. 1

(**b**) *See* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 7(1) and 1974 c. 28 s. 1 and Sch. 1 para. 2(1) and (2)

(**c**) Formerly Ministry of Finance: *see* Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c. 36) Sch. 5 para. 8(1) and S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3