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Seed Potato (Improvement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1982

Made	*14th May 1982*
Coming into operation . . .	*17th June 1982*

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) 1982 and shall come into operation on 17th June 1982.

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 persons engaged in the production of seed potatoes in Northern Ireland and improving the quality, production and marketing of seed potatoes the Department may make payment to the Company, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme, for expenditure incurred by it in carrying out functions provided in this Scheme.

Purpose of payments

4.—(1) Payments under Article 3 shall amount to the whole or part of the expenditure incurred by the Company for the purposes of increasing efficiency in the growing, handling, storage, transporting or marketing of seed potatoes; and

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (1) the purposes 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; and

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

(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