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AGRICULTURE

Seed Potato (Improvement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made	*12th May 1981*
Coming into operation . . .	*10th June 1981*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 1(1) and (4) 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(**c**) of Finance hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Seed Potato (Improvement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 10th June 1981.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme—

"approved proposals" means proposals by the Board submitted in writing to and approved in writing by the Department;

"the Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"the Board" means the Seed Potato Marketing Board for Northern Ireland.

Payments to Board

3.—(1) 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, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme, payments to the Board towards expenditure incurred by it in the carrying out of approved proposals where the Department is satisfied that such expenditure has reasonably been so incurred.

(2) Payments under this Scheme shall be made only if the approved proposals concerned have been carried out to the satisfaction of the Department.

(3) A modification to an approved proposal must before it is implemented be first approved in writing by the Department.

Proposals eligible for approval

4.—(1) Approved proposals shall be designed to increase efficiency in the growing, handling, storing, transporting or marketing of seed potatoes.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of paragraph (1), approved proposals may relate to—

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

(*b*) incentives to farmers in Northern Ireland to plant seed potatoes which have a high degree of freedom from disease;

(**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**) Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)