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AGRICULTURE

Seed Potato (Improvement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1980

Made . . . . . *6th March 1980*

Coming into operation . . . *1st May 1980*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred 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) 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1980.

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 only be made 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) 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) *See* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1).