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ANIMALS

Horse Breeding Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1979

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Coming into operation . . . 22*nd August* 1979

The Department(a) of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 9(b) of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(c) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department(a) of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Horse Breeding Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 22nd August, 1979.

Revocation

2. The Horse Breeding Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1969(d) is hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In this Scheme—

"approved" means approved by the Department;

"horse" means an equine quadruped of 148 centimetres or over;

"General Stud Book" means the register of pedigrees of racehorses published by Weatherbys of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire;

"non-Thoroughbred" means a horse which is not entered in the General Stud Book;

"owner" includes the hirer of an approved stallion in accordance with Article 12;

"registered" means registered in accordance with this Scheme or included in any register of like horses in any other country where such a register is maintained or officially recognised by a competent authority in that country;

"stallion" means an uncastrated male horse whether of the Thoroughbred, Irish Draught, approved cross-bred of these breeds, or other approved breed;

"the Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"the register" means the register maintained in accordance with Article 4;

"Thoroughbred" means a horse which is entered in the General Stud Book.

Register of non-Thoroughbred mares

4. The Department shall maintain a register of non-Thoroughbred mares in which shall be entered, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme, particulars of such mares and the names and addresses of their owners.

(a) Formerly Ministry; *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) As amended by Art. 5 of S.I. 1977/1245 (N.I. 12)
(c) 1949 c. 2 (N.I.)
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No. 49 (p. 229)

Application in respect of mares

5. The owner of a non-Thoroughbred mare aged 2 years or over may apply to the Department to have such mare entered on the register. Such application shall be made in such form and at such time as the Department may require.

Inspection of mares

6.—(1) The owner of the non-Thoroughbred mare in respect of which an application under Article 5 has been made shall present the mare for inspection by the Department at such time and place as the Department may require.

(2) Mares will be inspected for conformation, movement, height, physical condition, freedom from hereditary unsoundness and general suitability for breeding and for such other attributes as the Department may determine as the standards to be attained by a mare to qualify for entry on the register.

Registration of mares

7.—(1) When following such inspection the Department is satisfied that a non-Thoroughbred mare is suitable for registration it shall (*a*) register such mare and (*b*) issue to the owner of such mare a certificate of registration in respect of it.

(2) On receipt of such certificate the owner of a non-Thoroughbred mare shall henceforth comply with the conditions contained in Part I of the Schedule.

Application in respect of stallions

8. The owner of a stallion aged 3 years or over may apply to the Department to have such stallion approved for the service of registered mares. Such application shall be in such form and at such time as the Department may require.

Inspection of stallions

9.—(1) The owner of the stallion in respect of which an application under Article 8 has been made shall present the stallion for inspection by the Department at such time and place as the Department may require.

(2) Stallions will be inspected for conformation, movement, height, physical condition, freedom from hereditary unsoundness and general suitability for breeding and for such other attributes as the Department may determine as the standards to be attained by a stallion to qualify for approval.

Approval of stallions

10.—(1) When following such inspection the Department is satisfied that a stallion is suitable for approval it shall (*a*) approve such stallion and (*b*) issue to the owner of such stallion a certificate of approval in respect of it.

(2) On receipt of such certificate the owner of a stallion shall henceforth comply with the conditions contained in Part II of the Schedule.

Progeny identification certificate

11. The Department shall on written request issue a progeny identification certificate in respect of any foal resulting from the mating of a registered mare located in Northern Ireland and an approved stallion to the owner of such foal.