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Milk Aid Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made . . . . . *29th March* 1979

Coming into operation . . . *1st April* 1979

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 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(**b**) of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Milk Aid Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1979.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme:—

"Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"the Board" means the Milk Marketing Board for Northern Ireland;

"dairies" means premises named in a licence issued under section 1(3)(*a*) or (*c*) of the Milk Act (Northern Ireland) 1950(**c**) or premises registered under section 2(1) of the Marketing of Milk Products Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(**d**).

Payments

3. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the Department may make payments to the Board to compensate them partially for lower net returns for milk sold by them compared to the net returns for milk sold by the Milk Marketing Board of England and Wales.

Maximum rate of aid

4. The rate of aid payable to the Board in respect of milk delivered to dairies during any financial year shall not exceed the difference per litre as determined from audited and certified accounts between the net returns to the Board and the net returns to the Milk Marketing Board of England and Wales, less 0.1p.

Interim payments

5. The Department may make interim payments to the Board on being supplied by the Board with:

(*a*) monthly statements of the quantities of milk delivered to dairies; and

(a) 1954 c. 31 (N.I.) as amended by 1957 c. 3 (N.I.)
(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) 1950 c. 31 (N.I.) as amended by 1963 c. 11 (N.I.) and 1967 c. 15 (N.I.)
(d) 1958 c. 31 (N.I.)