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AGRICULTURE

Blackface Rams Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made	*25th July* 1978
Coming into operation . . .	*30th August* 1978

The Department(**a**) of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(**b**) as amended by Article 5 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**c**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and 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 Blackface Rams Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 30th August 1978.

Revocation

2. The Blackface Rams Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1971(**d**) is hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In this Scheme—

"approved" means approved by the Department;

"Blackface ram" means a Blackface ram of either the Scottish or the Mourne type;

"the Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"flock owner" means a breeder of pure bred Blackface sheep;

"lambing season" means the period from 1st March to 30th April;

"shearling ram" means a ram which was born in the lambing season of the year immediately preceding the year in which it is purchased.

Purpose of grant

4. The Department may pay grants to flock owners for the purchase of approved Blackface shearling rams for use as stock rams but approved rams of the Mourne type shall be eligible for such grants only if they are located in approved districts of Counties Armagh and Down.

Selection of rams eligible for grant

5. The Department shall determine at approved sales which Blackface shearling rams shall be eligible for grant but if such sales are discontinued then the Department may select such rams on the premises on which they are kept.

(**a**) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(**b**) 1949 c. 2 (N.I.)
(**c**) S.I. 1977/1245 (N.I. 12)
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971 No. 256 (p. 1242) as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. **205** (I, p. 1040)