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Milk Recording Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . *4th July* 1978

Coming into operation . . . *4th September* 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 Milk Recording Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 4th September 1978.

Revocation

2. The Milk Recording and Progeny Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1971(d) is hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In this Scheme:—

"approved" means approved by the Department;

"cattle breed society" means a society responsible for the entry or registration of animals of a particular breed of the bovine species in the herd book for that breed;

"cow" means a female of the bovine species and includes a heifer;

"the Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"herd" means a herd of cows;

"herd book" means a register kept by a cattle breed society of the particulars of cattle eligible to be entered therein;

"lactation" means the period commencing with calving and ending when the cow requires to be milked only once a day;

"milk recorder" means a person appointed by the Department to visit herds, take weights or measurements and samples of the milk of cows, and to check the herd register;

"recording" means in respect of a herd the keeping of a register, containing the information mentioned in paragraph 2 of the Schedule, by the herd owner and the periodic taking of weights or measurements and samples of the milk of cows by the milk recorder.

(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. 340 (p. 1570) as amended by S.R. 1977 No. 270

Application

4.—(1) A herd owner may apply to have his herd accepted by the Department for the purpose of recording. The application shall be in such form as may be required by the Department.

(2) The Department may inspect the herd before accepting or rejecting an application.

Conditions of acceptance

5. If the Department accepts an application in respect of a herd under Article 4 it shall give the herd owner notice in writing of such acceptance and as and from the receipt of such notice the herd owner shall in respect of that herd comply with the conditions set out in the Schedule.

Calculation of yields

6. The yield and composition of milk of cows in the herd recording shall be calculated from periodic weighings by the milk recorder and the analyses thereof by the Department.

Certification

7. The Department may issue to a herd owner whose herd has been accepted for the purpose of recording certificates in respect of the milk yield during lactation of cows in his herd and if he so requests such certificates relating to such other matters in connection with the recording of the herd as the Department considers to be in accordance with the purposes of this Scheme.

Cancellation of acceptance or certification

8. When any herd owner whose herd has been accepted for the purpose of recording fails to observe or comply with any provisions thereof the Department may revoke or suspend that acceptance and may cancel any certificate issued to him under this Scheme.

Withdrawal

9. A herd owner may on giving 2 weeks notice in writing to the Department withdraw from this Scheme.

Continuance of recording

10. A herd recording under the Milk Recording and Progeny Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1971 at the date of the coming into operation of this Scheme shall be accepted for recording under this Scheme without the necessity for an application under Article 4.

Publication

11. The Department may publish in such a manner as it sees fit the names of the owners of herds being recorded and any other information pertaining to those herds.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 4th July 1978.

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