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Beef Herd Improvement Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . : *7th March* 1978

Coming into operation . . . . *10th April* 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 Beef Herd Improvement Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 10th April 1978.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme:—

"approved" means approved by the Department;

"Artificial Insemination Service" means the service operated by the Department under Article 3 of the Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(d);

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

"dose" means the amount of semen used for the artificial insemination of a cow;

"the Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"eligible herd" means a herd accepted for recording under the Recording and Performance Testing (Beef Cattle) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1978(e).

Payments

3. For the purpose of improving the quality of stock in pedigree and grading register herds of cattle of beef breeds the Department may make payments to owners of eligible herds in respect of the artificial insemination of cows in those herds by approved bulls of beef breeds whose semen is available through the Artificial Insemination Service.

Application for payment

4. Application for payment by the owner of an eligible herd shall be made to the Department in such form and at such time as the Department may require.

(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.I. 1975/1834 (N.I. 17)
(e) S.R. 1978 No. 66