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AGRICULTURE

Pigs (Carcase Classification) Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . *16th November* 1977

Coming into operation . . . . *2nd January* 1978

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, having consulted with such persons or the representatives of such persons as is required by the said Article and with the approval of the Department of Finance, as to fees, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Pigs (Carcase Classification) Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 2nd January 1978.

Pigs (Carcase Classification) Scheme

2. The Scheme set out in the Schedule shall have effect and may be referred to in any instrument or document as the Pigs (Carcase Classification) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1977.

Fees

3. The fees payable in respect of the marking of carcases shall be payable on demand to the Department of Agriculture by the Pigs Marketing Board (Northern Ireland) or in the case of pigs not marketed through the Board by the person or persons responsible for the pig slaughterhouse concerned and shall amount to:—

(*a*) 2.5p per pig for the period from 2nd January 1978 to 31st March 1978 inclusive;

(*b*) 4.5p per pig for the period from 3rd April 1978 to 31st March 1979 inclusive;

(*c*) 7.0p per pig thereafter.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 16th November 1977.

(L.S.) *W. H. Parker*
Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Order as to fees.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 16th November 1977.

(L.S.) *A. J. Green*
Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1975/1038 (N.I. 8)

SCHEDULE

PIGS (CARCASE CLASSIFICATION) SCHEME (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1977

Interpretation

1. In this Scheme—

"the Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"carcases" means whole carcases of pigs and sides and other wholesale cuts of carcases;

"authorised officer" means an officer authorised by the Department;

"pig slaughterhouse" means premises licensed only for the slaughter of pigs under the terms of the Slaughterhouses Act (Northern Ireland) 1953(b);

"presenter" means the Pigs Marketing Board (Northern Ireland) or in the case of pigs not marketed through the Board the person or persons responsible for the pig slaughterhouse concerned.

PART I

Classification and marking of carcases

Classification and marking

2. Carcases of all pigs slaughtered at a pig slaughterhouse shall be classified by the characteristics and in the manner described in Part IV and a mark in the form of a circle of approximately 50 mm diameter with the inscription "DANI CLASSIFIED" around its inner edge shall be applied to each carcase by an authorised officer before removal from the slaughterhouse and before any further cutting-up operation is performed. Where applicable the mark shall include the backfat thickness measurement taken as described in Article 8(3)(*b*). Carcases presented at other premises approved by the Department shall be classified and marked in the manner aforesaid if so required by the Department.

PART II

Procedures prior to classification

Identification of pigs

3. The presenter of pigs at a pig slaughterhouse shall ensure that each pig is identified by the application of a tattoo slap-mark number to the live pig or by such other means as he may be advised by the Department.

Presentation and dressing of carcases

4. Persons having control or management of pig slaughterhouses shall:—

(*a*) give such advance notice of their intention to slaughter pigs as an authorised officer may require;

(*b*) cause each carcase to be dressed in accordance with the specifications set out in Part V, prior to the classification of the carcase;

(*c*) cause a number to be applied consecutively to each carcase prior to its presentation for classification and make available such information relating to the carcase as shall be required by an authorised officer.

(b) 1953 c. 21 (N.I.)