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Seed Potato (Improvement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 26*th July* 1977

Coming into operation . . . . 1*st September* 1977

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1 of the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**a**) as amended by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1957(**b**) and now vested in it(**c**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Department(**c**) of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Seed Potato (Improvement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1977.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on 1st September 1977.

Revocation

2. The Seed Potato (Improvement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1974(**d**) is hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In this Scheme—

"approved proposals" means proposals which have been submitted in writing to the Department by the Board and approved in writing by the Department;

"the Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"the Board" means the Seed Potato Marketing Board for Northern Ireland.

Purpose of grants

4. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the Department may make to the Board grants towards expenditure which the Department is satisfied has been reasonably incurred by the Board in the carrying out of approved proposals for the purposes specified in the next paragraph.

Proposals eligible for grants

5.—(1) Grants under the preceding paragraph may be made in respect of approved proposals designed to encourage the breeding of new varieties of seed potatoes and to increase efficiency in the growing, handling, storing, transporting or marketing of seed potatoes.

(**a**) 1954 c. 31 (N.I.)
(**b**) 1957 c. 3 (N.I.)
(**c**) *See* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 7(1) and 1974 c. 28 Sch. 1 para. 2(1) and (2)
(**d**) S.R. 1974 No. 167 (I, p. 715)