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Livestock Production and Marketing (Assistance) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made	*28th March* 1977
Coming into operation . . .	*28th March* 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 after consulting with such bodies of persons as appear to it to represent the interests of farmers engaged in the production of livestock and with the approval of the Department of Finance(**c**) hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Livestock Production and Marketing (Assistance) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 28th March 1977.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme—

"the Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"livestock" means cattle and sheep;

"producer" means a farmer producing produce in Northern Ireland;

"the Society" means Ulster Farmers Investments Limited registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(**d**).

Payments

3. For the purpose of assisting farmers engaged in the production of livestock and improving the quality, production and marketing of livestock and livestock products the Department may at its discretion, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme, make payments to the Society.

Purposes of payments

4.—(1) Payments under Article 3—

(*a*) may amount to the whole or any part of expenditure incurred by the Society (whether before or after the coming into operation of this Scheme) for purposes approved by the Department being purposes which the Department considers are likely to improve the quality production or marketing of livestock or livestock products; and

(*b*) may be made subject to such conditions as the Department may with the approval of the Department of Finance determine.

(**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**) 1969 c. 24 (N.I.)