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Sheep Headage Payments Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 10*th March* 1977

Coming into operation . . . 28*th 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, and with the approval of the Department(**d**) of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Sheep Headage Payments Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1977.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on 28th March 1977.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme—

"approved deadweight certification centre" means any place for the time being approved for the certification of the carcases of livestock under the Fat Sheep Guarantee Scheme;

"approved liveweight certification centre" means any place for the time being approved for the certification of livestock under the Fat Sheep Guarantee Scheme;

"certified" means certified under the Fat Sheep Guarantee Scheme;

"Department" means Department of Agriculture;

"Fat Sheep Guarantee Scheme" means the Fat Sheep Guarantee Scheme in operation in Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

"Fat Sheep Guarantee Scheme Year" means the year as specified under the Fat Sheep Guarantee Scheme for the time being in operation;

"home-bred" means born and entirely produced in Northern Ireland;

"sheep" means clean fat sheep or carcases of such animals.

Headage payments

3. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, the Department may in its discretion make to or for the benefit (whether direct or indirect) of farmers producing home-bred sheep, a payment in respect of each eligible home-bred animal which the Department is satisfied has been properly certified under the Fat Sheep Guarantee Scheme at any approved liveweight or deadweight certification centre in Northern Ireland during the Fat Sheep Guarantee Scheme Year 1977/78.

(**a**) 1954 c. 31 (N.I.)
(**b**) 1957 c. 3 (N.I.)
(**c**) By 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 7(1); 1974 c. 28 Sch. 1 para. 2(1) and (2)
(**d**) Formerly Minister: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 7(1); 1974 c. 28 Sch. 1 para. 2(1) and (2)