1976 No. 28

AGRICULTURE

Poultry (Feed Price Allowance) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1976

Made . . . . . *2nd February* 1976

Coming into operation . . . *2nd February* 1976

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it 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. This Scheme may be cited as the Poultry (Feed Price Allowance) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 2nd February 1976.

Amendments to the Poultry (Feed Price Allowance) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1971

2. The Poultry (Feed Price Allowance) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1971(e) is hereby amended as follows—

(1) In Article 2

(*a*) there shall be added to the definition of "poultry packer"—

"who gives to the Department of Agriculture such security in respect of payment of feed price allowance to producers as the Department of Agriculture may by notice in writing require";

(*b*) there shall be added to the definition of "throughput"—

"and also, where such poultry packer is a producer, includes the total liveweight of chickens of his own production sold through his own packing station";

(*c*) the following definition shall be inserted after the definition of poultry packer—

"production unit" means a house or houses in which day-old chicks have been placed at the same time.

(2) In Article 3 there shall be inserted after the word "throughput" as it appears for the second time and before the word "for"—

(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)
(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971 No. 49 (p. 409)

"or such other sum as the Department of Agriculture with the approval of the Department of Finance may from time to time determine by reference to any change in the cost and availability of feedingstuffs in Northern Ireland, provided that the total sum expended under this Scheme, the Eggs (Feed Price Allowance) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1976(f) and the Pigs (Feed Price Allowance) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1976(g) shall not in total exceed £4 million in respect of the period from the commencement of the Schemes until 31st March 1977 and such sum shall be paid".

(3) In Article 3 there shall be added—

"but payments shall not be made by the Department of Agriculture in respect of chickens which are exported to another Member State of the European Economic Community live or after processing".

(4) The following paragraphs shall be added to Article 6—

"(3) in respect of chickens which he has produced himself keep a record showing—

(*a*) the date of delivery of each lot of such chickens to his packing station;

(*b*) the name and address of the production unit where the chickens were produced;

(*c*) the number and weight of chickens in each lot delivered to his packing station.

(4) where he is also a producer additionally keep in respect of each production unit—

(*a*) records showing—

(i) the date of placement of day-old chicks and the number of such chicks;

(ii) details of mortality;

(iii) the numbers sold to other poultry packing stations and the dates of such sales;

(iv) the numbers disposed of in any other manner; and

(*b*) accounts and receipts in respect of payments for the purchase of day-old chicks and in respect of payments for the purchase of feedingstuffs and other items necessary in connection with the production of chickens."

(5) The following paragraphs shall be added to Article 7—

"(3) If the poultry packer is also a producer and is packing poultry of his own production at a poultry packing station he shall permit any officer of the Department of Agriculture to enter upon the land and premises where such poultry is being produced and inspect such poultry and such premises.

(4) Any producer who has sold poultry to a poultry packer shall permit on request any officer of the Department of Agriculture to enter his land and premises at all reasonable times and inspect all poultry thereon and any books, accounts and records in his possession relating to the sale of poultry and make copies of any entries therein."

(f) S.R. 1976 No. 27 (g) S.R. 1976 No. 26