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AGRICULTURE

Headage Payments — Sheep

SCHEME, DATED THE 30TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954 AS AMENDED BY THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1957.

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 paragraph 2(1) and (2) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(**c**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Department of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Sheep Headage Payments (No. 3) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1974.

(2) This Scheme shall come into force on 13th January 1975.

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 Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

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

"certified" means certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

"Department" means Department of Agriculture;

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

"Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year" means the year as specified under the Fatstock 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.

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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 Fatstock Guarantee Scheme at any approved liveweight or deadweight certification centre in Northern Ireland during the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year 1974/75.

(a) 1954 c. 31 (b) 1957 c. 3 (c) 1974 c. 28