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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Beef Subsidy

REGULATIONS, DATED 22ND NOVEMBER 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 2(2) AND (5) OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ACT 1972.

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 2(2) and (5) of the European Communities Act 1972(a) as applying subject to the provisions of Article 2(1) of, and the Schedule to, the European Communities (Designation) Order(b), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Beef Subsidy (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1974 and shall come into operation on 2nd December 1974.

(2) In these regulations—

"beef token" means a token issued in accordance with these regulations or valid in Northern Ireland by virtue of regulation 3(4);

"the Department" means the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland;

"pensionable age" means, in the case of a man, the age of 65 and, in the case of a woman, the age of 60;

"recipient of social welfare benefits" has the same meaning as in Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1856/74(c) laying down general rules governing the sale of beef and veal at reduced prices to certain categories of consumer;

"supplier" means a person who sells fresh, frozen or chilled beef or veal.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(d) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Persons entitled to beef tokens

2.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, a person shall be entitled to a beef token for any week during the period from 2nd December 1974 to 6th April 1975 if he is entitled to a payment of a qualifying benefit in respect of a period which includes a day in that week, and is on that day over pensionable age, in Northern Ireland, and a recipient of social welfare benefits.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) above, a person is entitled to a payment of a qualifying benefit if—

(*a*) he is entitled to a payment of a pension or allowance, in respect of himself, which is a qualifying benefit specified in section 2 of the Pensioners' Payments Act 1974(e); or

(a) 1972. c. 68
(b) S.I. 1972/1811.
(c) OJ No. L195, 18.7.74, p. 15.
(d) 1954. c. 33.
(e) 1974. c. 54.

(*b*) he is a person who is specified in the Schedule to these regulations as a person who is to be treated as entitled to a payment of a qualifying benefit:

Provided that where a person—

(i) is awarded a qualifying benefit in respect of any period earlier than the three weeks before the week in which the award is made, or

(ii) becomes a person who is to be treated under sub-paragraph (*b*) above as entitled to a payment of a qualifying benefit in respect of any period earlier than the three weeks before the week in which he becomes such a person,

he shall not be entitled in consequence thereof to a beef token in respect of any week in that earlier period.

(3) No person shall be entitled to more than one beef token in respect of any one week.

Issue and validity of beef tokens

3.—(1) The Department shall cause a beef token to be issued to or in respect of a person for each week for which he is entitled to it, and a beef token may, if the Department thinks fit, be issued in advance.

(2) Each beef token shall be valid for the purchase from a supplier, in accordance with the provisions of these regulations, of fresh, frozen or chilled beef or veal at a price—

(*a*) which is not less than 40 pence, and

(*b*) of which the part not consisting of the token is 20 pence less than the price at which the supplier would have sold the beef or veal but for his acceptance of the token.

(3) Each beef token shall be valid only for the period stated on it.

(4) A token issued by the Secretary of State for Social Services under the provisions of the Beef Subsidy Regulations 1974(f) for purposes corresponding to those of these Regulations shall be valid in Northern Ireland as if it were a beef token issued by the Department under these regulations.

Use of beef tokens

4.—(1) Only the person to or in respect of whom a beef token is issued, or someone acting on his behalf, shall be entitled to use it.

(2) A person entitled to use a beef token shall not use it except by surrendering it to a supplier who sells him fresh, frozen or chilled beef or veal at a price—

(*a*) which is not less than 40 pence, and

(*b*) of which the part not consisting of the token is 20 pence less than the price at which the supplier would have sold the beef or veal but for his acceptance of the token.

Payment to suppliers

5. A supplier who has accepted a valid beef token in accordance with the provisions of regulation 4(2) above and who has, not later than 31st July 1975, submitted it to such person, or dealt with it in such manner, as may be specified for the purposes of this regulation in any special or general direction of the Department, shall be entitled to payment by or on behalf of the Department of 20 pence.

(f) S.I. 1974/1930.