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AGRICULTURE

Fox Destruction Scheme

SCHEME, DATED 25TH OCTOBER 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 2 OF THE AGRICULTURE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1959.

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Fox Destruction Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1974.

Revocation

2. The Fox Destruction Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1960(**b**) is hereby revoked.

Payment of bounties

3.—(1) With the object of encouraging the destruction of foxes, the Department may pay a bounty in respect of each fox killed in Northern Ireland subject to the following conditions:

(*a*) Application for payment of bounty shall be in such form as may be required by the Department.

(*b*) The applicant shall present the whole carcase or head of each fox at a police station in or serving the county in which the fox was killed, and shall, in the presence of a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, cut out the tongue of such fox.

(*c*) The applicant shall remove from the police station the carcase or, where the head only was presented, the head, together with the tongue of each fox, and shall bury or otherwise dispose of same in such a manner as will ensure that there shall be no public nuisance.

(2) The rates of bounty payable by the Department shall be specified in the Schedule, and the bounty in respect of each fox killed shall be paid only after a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary has certified that to the best of his knowledge the particulars given in the application are correct.

Employment of trappers

4. For the purpose of securing and assisting the destruction of foxes, the Department may employ persons to trap foxes and to help and advise farmers and others in connection with such destruction.

Termination

5. The Scheme shall cease to operate on 31st March 1977.

(a) 1959. c. 2. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 47.