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AGRICULTURE

Seed Potato (Improvement) Scheme

SCHEME, DATED 8TH JULY 1974, MADE BY THE HEAD OF 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 Head of the Department of Agriculture with the approval of the Head of the Department of Finance in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Acts (Northern Ireland) 1954 and 1957(**a**) and of all other powers him thereunto enabling, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Seed Potato (Improvement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1974.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on the 10th day of July 1974.

Revocation

2. The Seed Potato (Improvement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1971(**b**) is hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In this Scheme—

"approved" means approved in writing by the Department;

"Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"the Board" means the Seed Potato Marketing Board for Northern Ireland.

Purpose of grants

4. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the Department may make to the Board grants towards expenditure reasonably incurred by the Board in the carrying out of approved proposals for the purposes specified in the next paragraph.

Proposals eligible for grants

5.—(1) Grants under the preceding paragraph may be made in respect of approved proposals designed to increase efficiency in the growing, handling, storing, transporting or marketing of seed potatoes.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (1) approved proposals may relate to—

(*a*) incentives to growers in Northern Ireland to plant seed potatoes with a high degree of freedom from disease;

(**a**) 1954. c. 31; 1957. c. 3. (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 230.