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AGRICULTURE

Beef Marketing Payments—Cattle

SCHEME, DATED 28TH MAY 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 and in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Acts (Northern Ireland) 1954(a) and 1957(b) 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 Beef Marketing Subsidy Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1974.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on 28th May, 1974.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme:—

"approved deadweight certification centre" means any place for the time being approved by the Department of Agriculture for the certification of the carcases of livestock for the purposes of this Scheme;

"approved export point" means that place set apart by the Department of Agriculture for the examination and, if necessary, marking of livestock at the ports of Belfast and Londonderry or if exported to the Republic of Ireland via the land boundary at such places and at such times as may be determined by the Department;

"certified" means certified as an eligible animal by the certifying officer in accordance with the conditions and standards specified in Schedule 1;

"certifying officer" means any officer of the Department responsible for certifying that cattle for which a beef marketing subsidy payment is claimed conforms with the conditions of this Scheme;

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

"eligible cattle" shall have the meaning given in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1;

"presenter" means a person applying for a beef marketing subsidy payment and who presents or has presented on his behalf eligible cattle at an approved deadweight certification centre for slaughter within Northern Ireland or at an approved export point for export from Northern Ireland.

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

Subsidy payments

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 eligible cattle a payment in respect of each eligible animal which the Department is satisfied has been properly certified at an approved deadweight certification centre or at an approved export point.

Rates of Payment

4. For each animal so certified the payment shall be that specified in Schedule 3.

5. Such payment shall be made to such persons and at such times as the Department may think proper.

6. If the Department, after having made a payment under this Scheme, finds that such payment ought not to have been made in whole or in part or that the payment was in excess of the amount properly payable it may recover from the person to whom such payment has been made the whole or any part of the sum already paid, or may withhold or cause to be withheld any subsequent payment which might otherwise be made by the Department to that person under this or any other Scheme. The Department may also recover from a presenter under this Scheme by way of deduction from a payment which might otherwise be made to him under this Scheme any monies due by that person to the Department or to any other Government Department.

Application for beef marketing subsidy payment

7.—(1) Application for beef marketing subsidy payments shall be made in the form and at the time required by the Department.

(2) Beef marketing subsidy payments shall be made subject to the conditions that the presenter will comply with all reasonable requirements of the Department and any of its officers and in particular will permit them to inspect his books, livestock and lands and afford them all reasonable facilities for doing so.

8. It shall be the responsibility of persons presenting cattle for certification at the ports of Belfast and Londonderry to provide adequate labour necessary to comply with the Department's requirements as to the weighing, moving, examining and the marking of the animals.

Dated this 28th day of May 1974.

Leslie J. Morrell,
Head of the Department of Agriculture
for Northern Ireland.

I approve the foregoing Scheme.

Dated this 28th day of May 1974.

H. V. Kirk,
Head of the Department of Finance
for Northern Ireland.