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## Premium Boars

SCHEME, DATED 25TH OCTOBER 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 9 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

*Citation and commencement*

**1.** This Scheme may be cited as the Premium Boar Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1971 and shall come into operation on 15th November 1971.

*Revocation*

**2.** The Premium Boar Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1969(**b**) is hereby revoked.

*Definitions*

**3.** In this Scheme—

"accredited pig herd" means a pig herd registered under the Accredited Pig Herds and Pig Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1968(**c**) or under the Accredited Pig Herds Scheme operated by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries in the Republic of Ireland;

"approved" means approved by the Ministry of Agriculture;

"authorised" means authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture;

"group" means three or more persons who combine to keep a premium boar for the service of sows in their own herds;

"County Committee" means a County Committee of Agriculture appointed pursuant to Section 2(1) of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949;

"owner" means any person who keeps a premium boar for the service of sows in the district;

"premium" means a payment made in respect of a premium boar to an owner or group who has or have been selected by the County Committee of Agriculture under Article 6;

"pedigree" means entered in the Herd Book of the breed concerned and earmarked in accordance with the appropriate Herd Book regulation;

"premium boar" means a boar which after inspection by an authorised officer of the Ministry has been approved as being suitable for the award of a premium and which has been purchased by an applicant selected by a County Committee to keep a boar under this Scheme.

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(**a**) 1949. c. 2.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 176.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 210.

*Eligible boars*

**4.** To be eligible for selection as a premium boar, a boar shall be a pedigree boar of the Large White or Landrace breed which was bred in an accredited pig herd or a herd which was accredited within three months prior to the approved sale. A boar from a first litter born in an accredited pig herd from a gilt or sow not bred in an accredited pig herd, shall also be eligible for selection if the Ministry is satisfied with the standards achieved by the dam or sire of the said boar or by the herd or herds from which such dam or sire were derived.

*Age and selection of boars*

**5.** Except where the Ministry otherwise approves, boars shall be selected and eligible for first-year premium from those which are over six months and under twelve months old and which are entered and exhibited at approved shows and sales.

*Selection of applicants*

**6.** Each County Committee shall, in accordance with the First Schedule, receive applications and select suitable owners or groups to keep premium boars.

*Purchase of boars*

**7.** Applicants selected under Article 6 shall purchase only approved boars and shall supply details of such boars to the County Agricultural Executive Officer. Premium boars shall be purchased at approved shows or sales but if a show or sale is not held the Ministry make make other arrangements for the inspection, selection and purchase of boars for premium.

*Conditions and functions of County Committees*

**8.** The conditions to be observed by an owner or group in connection with the placing out of premium boars are set out in the Second Schedule. The functions of County Committees are set out in the Third Schedule.

*Premiums*

**9.**—(1) The values of the premiums which may be paid by the Ministry under this Scheme and the methods of claiming and paying such premiums are set out in the Fourth Schedule.

(2) In addition to the payment of premiums under paragraph (1), the Ministry may, where the boar is conveyed by public transport or licensed carrier from the place of purchase to the purchaser's farm, pay half the cost of the carriage so incurred.

*Penalties*

**10.**—(1) In the event of any infringement or non-compliance with the terms and conditions contained in this Scheme, or where a boar is unable for any reason to complete the prescribed number of services, payment of the premium or any part thereof may be withheld by the Ministry.

(2) Any person who through misrepresentation or fraud receives or claims payment of a premium for a boar, or obtains the service of a premium boar for his sow under this Scheme, may, in addition to any other penalty to which he may be liable by law, be debarred from obtaining in future any benefit under this Scheme.

*General*

**11.** The Ministry may brand or otherwise mark any premium boars and may inspect them at any time.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 20th day of October 1971.

(L.S.) *J. Parke,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 25th day of October 1971.

(L.S.) *C. F. Darling,*
Assistant Secretary.

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FIRST SCHEDULE (Article 6)

**Selection of Applicants**

1. Applications for selection by an owner or a group for payment of premium shall be made to the County Committee in such form and within such time as the County Committee may determine.

2. To be eligible, a group shall together own not less than 40 sows, provided that no member of the group shall own more than 25 sows.

3. In making selections the County Committee shall have regard to the needs of the various districts within its area.

4. The total number of applicants selected by a County Committee to keep premium boars shall be limited to the total number of premiums (first-year and second-year) approved by the Ministry for that county.

5. The County Agricultural Executive Officer shall notify those applicants who have been selected to keep premium boars and shall inform them of the shows and sales approved by the Ministry for the inspection and selection of boars.

6. A list of the applicants selected shall be forwarded to the Ministry by the County Committee immediately after the selections have been made and the list shall state the particular show or sale at which each applicant intends to purchase a boar.