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AGRICULTURE

Seed Potato (Improvement) Scheme

SCHEME, DATED 20TH JULY 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTER 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 Minister of Agriculture with the approval of the Minister 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) 1971.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on the 27th day of July 1971.

Revocation

2. The Seed Potato Marketing (Improvement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1965(**b**); the Seed Potato Marketing (Improvement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1966(**c**); the Seed Potato (Improvement) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1967(**d**); and the Seed Potato (Improvement) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1969(**e**) are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In this Scheme—

"approved" means approved in writing by the Ministry;

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

Purpose of grants

4. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the Ministry 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.) 1965, No. 257.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 96.
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 139.
(**e**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 118.