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AGRICULTURE

Headage Payments—Sheep

SCHEME, DATED 10TH MARCH 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 and 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 Sheep Headage Payments Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1971, No. 2.

(2) This Scheme shall have effect from 29th March 1971.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme—

"Fatstock Guarantee Scheme" means the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme in operation in Great Britain and in Northern Ireland;

"Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year" means the year as specified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme for the time being in operation;

"home-bred" means born and entirely produced in Northern Ireland;

"sheep" means clean fat sheep or carcases of such animals;

"certified" means certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme.

Headage payments

3. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, the Ministry may make to persons producing home-bred sheep a payment in respect of each eligible home-bred animal which is properly certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme at any Liveweight or Deadweight Certification Centre in Northern Ireland during the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year 1971/72.

4. Payments shall be made in respect of such animals certified during the specified periods of the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year 1971/72 at the rates set forth in the Schedule.

5. In case of doubt as to the proper certification of an animal, or as to the proper person to be paid, eligibility for the headage payment shall be at the discretion of the Ministry.

6.—(1) Where a butcher or meat wholesaler has home-bred sheep certified by deadweight which were not produced by him the payment shall be made to the farmer who sold the sheep to the said butcher or meat wholesaler.

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