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AGRICULTURE

Eggs

SCHEME, DATED 11TH FEBRUARY 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 on 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:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Eggs (Feed Price Allowance) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1971 and shall come into operation on 15th day of February 1971.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme:—

"eggs" means eggs in shell laid by hens in Northern Ireland;

"Egg Packer" means the holder of a Class A wholesale dealer's licence issued under the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland) 1957(**c**),

"feed price allowance" means the amount paid to an egg packer under Article 3,

the expressions "first quality" and "soiled otherwise of first quality" have the meanings assigned to them in Rule 20(2)(*a*) of the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland) 1966(**d**),

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture,

"throughput" means in relation to an egg packer the total number of first quality eggs and soiled eggs otherwise of first quality which are $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz or more in weight and which have been purchased by that packer from producers.

Object

3. With the object of assisting farmers to meet the cost of poultry feed the Ministry may subject to the provisions of this Scheme pay to an egg packer in respect of his throughput the sum of 0·14p for each dozen eggs of throughput for the benefit of the producers thereof as provided by this Scheme.

Application for payment

4. Application for payment of feed price allowance shall be made by an egg packer to the Ministry at intervals of one calendar week in such form and giving such information as the Ministry may require.

(**a**) 1954. c. 31.
(**b**) 1957. c. 3.
(**c**) 1957. c. 27.
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 150.