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POULTRY

Poultry Test

ORDER, DATED 13TH FEBRUARY 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949(a).

The Ministry of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949, 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 Poultry Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1967, and shall come into operation on the 28th day of February 1967.

Revocation

2.—(1) The Poultry Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1966(b) is hereby revoked.

(2) Notwithstanding such revocation any test which has been commenced under the said Scheme may be completed in accordance with the provisions thereof.

Interpretation

3. In this Scheme:—

"bird" means a domestic fowl.

"commercial" means used for purposes other than breeding.

"day-old chick" means a chick not more than 48 hours old.

"Gosford Advisory Committee" means the committee for the time being appointed under Section 4 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949 to advise the Ministry on the running of poultry tests.

"pullet" means a female domestic fowl in its first laying season prior to a complete moult.

Purpose of Scheme

4. The Ministry may carry out tests on those commercial egg-laying strains of poultry which are available to poultry keepers to provide comparative information about the qualities of the stock under test.

Operation of Testing Station

5. The Ministry shall operate a testing station in such manner as it may determine following consultation with the Gosford Advisory Committee.

Entries

6. Application for entry to a test shall be made in such form and at such time as the Ministry may determine.

(a) 1949, c. 2. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 16.