EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations increase the fees to be paid to medical practitioners by hospital management committees for recommendations made under sections 12, 15 and 21 of the Mental Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1961.

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AGRICULTURE

Cattle—Breeding Herds

SCHEME, DATED 30TH APRIL, 1965, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954(a), AS AMENDED BY THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1957(b).

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 and 1957, and of all other powers him thereunto enabling, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Short title and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Cattle (Breeding Herds) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1965, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of May, 1965.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme—

"the Acts" means the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Acts (Northern Ireland) 1954 and 1957;

"breeding cow" means a female bovine animal which has borne a calf;

"in-calf heifer" means a female bovine animal which was with calf for the first time on 1st January next preceding the qualifying day and which calves before the qualifying day;

"regular breeding herd" means a herd of breeding cows and in-calf heifers maintained throughout their normal breeding life in accordance with sound farming practice for the purpose of rearing calves suitable for beef production;

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture;

"occupier" means a person who is in occupation of land under an estate or interest for a period of not less than twelve months and who is responsible for its management;

"premises" includes land which is occupied as a unit for agricultural purposes, together with any other land, including common land, used for any purpose in connection with such land;

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

"qualifying day" means 1st June in the subsidy year;

"subsidy year" means a calendar year in respect of which the subsidy payment is to be made.

Object of the Scheme

3. With the object of encouraging farmers to maintain herds of breeding cows for the purpose of breeding store cattle and to rear the calves produced by such cows, the Ministry may make subsidy payments as provided for in this Scheme.

Subsidy Payments

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the Ministry may in respect of the years 1965 and 1966 make subsidy payments in respect of cattle grazed in Northern Ireland (being cattle of a description to which this Scheme applies) to the person who, at the beginning of the qualifying day, was the owner of the cattle and was the occupier of the land used for their maintenance.

(2) The amount which may be paid by way of subsidy payment under this Scheme in respect of any animal to which the Scheme applies shall be £10 in the year 1965, and, in the year 1966, £10 or such greater amount as the Ministry, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, may determine.

5.—(1) Subject to the provisions of the next succeeding sub-paragraph this Scheme shall apply to breeding cows and in-calf heifers of such type and quality as may be approved by the Ministry as forming a regular breeding herd.

(2) This Scheme shall not apply to—

(*a*) cows and in-calf heifers owned by persons who, at any time during the subsidy year, hold a licence in respect of any herd and premises to produce and sell milk issued under section 1 of the Milk Act (Northern Ireland) 1950(**a**), unless such persons sell no milk during the said year; or

(*b*) regular breeding herds, where any cows or in-calf heifers belonging to such herds are kept at any time during the subsidy year on premises in respect of which any person holds a licence to produce and sell milk issued under section 1 of the Milk Act (Northern Ireland) 1950, unless such person sells no milk during the said year; or

(*c*) cows which during the subsidy year are eligible for subsidy payments under the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1964(**b**)—

unless the Minister in any case determines that by reason of exceptional circumstances this Scheme shall apply in such case.

Number of Cattle qualifying for Subsidy Payment

6. The number of cattle in respect of which subsidy payments may be made to a person shall be—

(*a*) the number of breeding cows and in-calf heifers in his breeding herd on 1st January next preceding the qualifying day; or

(*b*) the number of breeding cows in his breeding herd on the qualifying day,

whichever is the less.

(**a**) 1950. c. 31. (**b**) S.I. 1964/737.