EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order, which comes into operation on 12th March, 1964, sets out the statutory minimum remuneration payable in substitution for that fixed by the Laundry Wages Regulation Order (Northern Ireland) 1961 (Order N.I.L. (62)) as amended by the Laundry Wages Regulation (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1962 (Order N.I.L. (64)).

Order N.I.L. (64) is revoked.

New provisions in the Schedule are printed in italics.

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ANIMALS

Milk Recording and Progeny Testing

SCHEME, DATED 2ND MARCH, 1964, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949.

The Ministry of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section Nine of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(a) 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 Milk Recording and Progeny Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1964 and shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, nineteen hundred and sixty-four.

Revocation

2. The Milk Recording and Progeny Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1963(b) is hereby revoked.

Definitions

3. In this Scheme:—

"Approved" means approved by the Ministry of Agriculture.

"Pedigree" means entered in the Herd Book of the breed concerned.

"Cow" means a female of the bovine species and, unless otherwise stated, includes a heifer.

"Recording Officer" means an officer appointed by the Ministry to visit herds, take weights or measurements and samples of milk, and tattoo or otherwise mark cows under test.

(a) 1949. c. 2. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 147.

Purposes of the Scheme

4. The Ministry may, with the agreement of the owner, record or supervise the recording of the milk production of cows where the information to be recorded is intended to be used in assessing the transmitting qualities of dairy bulls or generally for assessing the breeding qualities and performance of dairy cattle.

Eligible Herds

5. Only the following types of herd shall be eligible to participate in the Scheme:—

(*a*) pedigree herds of approved dairy breeds;
(*b*) non-pedigree herds of approved dairy breeds provided that at least one-half of the cows in the herd or in herds of less than eight cows, not less than four, are approved as suitable for the grading-up register of the appropriate breed;
(*c*) herds which contain at least one pedigree cow of an approved dairy breed; and
(*d*) herds in respect of which, for its progeny testing purposes, the Ministry wishes, with the agreement of the owners, to record or supervise the recording of the milk production of female progeny resulting from artificial insemination and, for comparison purposes, of other cows in the same herd.

Application and Inspection

6.—(1) Application for participation in the Scheme of a herd of any of the types prescribed in sub-paragraphs (*a*)-(*c*) of Article 5 shall be made in such form as the Ministry may require at least one month before recording is expected to begin, provided that such application need not be made in respect of a herd where recording is already being supervised by the Ministry prior to the commencement of the Scheme.

(2) Before accepting or rejecting a herd for participation in the Scheme the Ministry may inspect the herd.

Herd Acceptance

7.—(1) On acceptance for participation in the Scheme of a herd of any of the types prescribed in sub-paragraphs (*a*)-(*c*) of Article 5 the owner thereof shall comply with the conditions set forth in Part 1 of the Schedule and shall observe the requirements of the Scheme generally.

(2) The conditions set forth in Part 2 of the Schedule shall govern recording only in a herd of the type prescribed in sub-paragraph (*d*) of Article 5.

Fees

8.—(1) The fee payable to the Ministry for recording the milk production of a cow for its lifetime shall be three pounds and shall accompany the form of application for participation in the Scheme. Such fee shall not be refunded save that—

(*a*) in the case of a cow which dies after the commencement of its first lactation but before the first visit by a recording officer in connection with the recording of the milk production of the said cow, the Ministry shall refund the fee paid in respect of the cow; and
(*b*) in the case of a cow which is culled from the herd and is slaughtered before its second calving, the Ministry shall refund one half of the fee paid in respect of the cow.