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AGRICULTURE

Headage Payments—Cattle

SCHEME, DATED 10TH MAY, 1963, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 1(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 upon him by the Agricultural (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.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Cattle Headage Payments Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1963.

(2) This Scheme shall have effect from the 1st April, 1963.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme—

"Fatstock Guarantee Scheme" means the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme 1963/64 in operation in Great Britain and in Northern Ireland.

"Home-Bred" means born and entirely produced in Northern Ireland.

"Cattle" means fat cattle or the carcases of such animals.

"Certified" means certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme.

Headage payments

3. The Ministry may, subject to and in accordance with the succeeding provisions of this Scheme, make to persons producing home-bred cattle a payment at the rate of three pounds in respect of each home-bred animal which is properly certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme at any Liveweight or Deadweight Certification Centre in Northern Ireland.

4. 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.

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

(2) Payment in all other cases of both liveweight and deadweight certification shall be made to the person in whose name the home-bred cattle were certified.

6. There shall be no contract or obligation on the part of the Ministry to make any headage payment and all headage payments shall be at the Ministry's absolute discretion.

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