EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations revoke Regulations made in 1957. The Ministry may pay a 65% contribution towards expenditure incurred by managers of voluntary primary, intermediate and special schools for external maintenance of school premises. The Regulations prescribe the conditions of grant. They retain the general substance of the revoked Regulations but for the sake of clarity a definition of "external maintenance" has been given for the first time.

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This Order has been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland), 1958. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules and Orders of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.

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ANIMAL

Bull Subsidies

SCHEME, DATED 18TH JUNE, 1962, 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 9 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 Subsidy Bull Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1962, and shall come into operation on 1st July, 1962.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme—

"Approved" means approved by the Ministry of Agriculture.

"Subsidy" means the payment which a group will receive towards the purchase price of an approved bull.

"Approved bull" means a bull which has been approved as being suitable for use as a stock bull.

"Approved sale" means a cattle sale approved as a selection centre.

"Pedigree" means entered in or eligible for entry in the Herd Book of the breed concerned and earmarked in accordance with the appropriate Herd Book regulations.

(a) 1949. c. 2.

Purpose of Scheme

3. The Ministry may grant subsidies to assist approved groups of cattle breeders to purchase approved bulls for use in their herds in Northern Ireland.

Eligible Breeds

4. Only pedigree bulls of the Aberdeen Angus, Ayrshire, British Friesian, Dairy Shorthorn, Galloway and Hereford breeds shall be eligible to be selected as approved bulls.

Selection and Inspection of Bulls

5. Save in exceptional circumstances, bulls shall be selected by the Ministry only from those bulls which are entered and exhibited at approved sales. Where a bull is purchased with the approval of the Ministry at a private sale the group shall obtain from the vendor a written guarantee of the fertility of the bull.

Application for Subsidy

6.—(1) An application from a group of breeders wishing to purchase a bull under the Scheme shall be made to the Ministry, in such form as the Ministry may require, at least one month before the date of the sale at which the group proposes to make such purchase.

(2) A group shall consist of three or more breeders each of whom is experienced in the breeding of pedigree cattle, save that the Ministry may grant a subsidy to a group consisting of only two breeders where, in the Ministry's opinion, special circumstances exist.

(3) When an application from a group is approved the Ministry shall notify the members of the group of the maximum amount of the subsidy offered and of the conditions on which a bull may be purchased.

Conditions Applicable to the Purchase and Placing out of a Subsidy Bull

7.—(1) The conditions applicable to the purchase and placing out of a subsidy bull are as set forth in the Schedule.

(2) In addition to the payment of subsidy as in Article 8 the Ministry may pay:—

(*a*) where the bull is conveyed by public transport from the place of sale to the purchaser's farm, two-thirds of the cost of the carriage so incurred; and

(*b*) two-thirds of any veterinary and quarantine fees, including medicinal expenses, incurred in connection with the importation of the bull, and two-thirds of the cost of such maintenance of the bull as is necessary and reasonable from the date of its purchase until its entry to the Ministry's Quarantine Station.

Value of Subsidy

8.—(1) The amount of subsidy which the Ministry may grant to a group of breeders in respect of a bull shall not exceed two-thirds of the approved purchase price, subject to such maximum amount of subsidy in respect of any one bull as the Ministry may determine.

(2) The subsidy shall not be payable to a group until the receipt for the purchase price of the bull has been lodged with the Ministry.