sections one to nine of the Act shall come into operation on such day as the Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") may by Order appoint;

Now, therefore, the Ministry in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section ten of the Act and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

(1) The first day of March, 1962, is hereby appointed as the day on which sections one to nine of the Act shall come into operation.

(2) This Order may be cited as the Foyle Fisheries (Appointed Day) Order (Northern Ireland), 1962.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this twentieth day of February, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two, in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. J. Thompson,*
Assistant Secretary.

1962. No. 25 **[NC]**

DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND PESTS

Importation of Raw Vegetables

ORDER, DATED 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1962, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND PESTS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1877 TO 1934.

This Order, permitting the importation of certain vegetables for specified periods during the months March to October, 1962, being of temporary effect, is not printed at length in this volume.

1962. No. 26 **[C]**

ANIMAL

Ram Subsidies

SCHEME, DATED 23RD FEBRUARY, 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 Ram Subsidies Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1962, and shall come into operation on 9th March, 1962.

(a) 1949. c. 2.

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 of an approved ram.

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

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

"Shearling ram" means a male sheep born in the normal lambing season of the year immediately preceding that in which the ram is approved for purchase.

Object of Scheme

3. The Ministry may grant subsidies to assist groups of flock owners to purchase approved rams for use in their flocks in Northern Ireland.

Eligible Breeds

4. Only pure-bred rams of the Blackface, Border Leicester and Suffolk breeds shall be eligible to be selected as approved rams.

Selection and Inspection of Rams

5. Save in exceptional circumstances approved rams shall be selected by the Ministry only from those ram lambs and shearling rams which are entered and exhibited at approved sales. To be eligible for inspection, Blackface rams shall have been marked on the horn in accordance with breed practice and Border Leicester and Suffolk rams shall have been earmarked and entered in the Flock Book of the breed concerned.

Application for Subsidies

6.—(1) Applications from groups of breeders who, if selected, are prepared to purchase an approved ram shall be made to the Ministry in such form as the Ministry may require, not later than the 31st July in each year or by such other date as the Ministry may determine.

(2) A group shall normally consist of two or more breeders who have had experience in the breeding of pedigree sheep save that the Ministry may grant a subsidy to an individual breeder where, in the Ministry's opinion, special circumstances exist.

(3) Where an application is approved, the Ministry shall inform all members of that group of the maximum amount of the subsidy offered and of the conditions on which a ram may be purchased.

Conditions applicable to the Purchase and Placing out of a Subsidy Ram

7. The conditions applicable to the purchase and placing out of a subsidy ram are as set forth in the Schedule.

Value of Subsidy

8.—(1) The amount of subsidy which the Ministry may grant to a group of breeders in respect of a ram shall not exceed three-fifths of the amount remaining after a sum of £40 has been subtracted from the approved purchase price of the ram, subject to such maximum amount of subsidy in respect of any one ram as the Ministry may determine.