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ANIMALS

Horse Breeding Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1962

SCHEME, DATED 5TH JANUARY, 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 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 Horse Breeding Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1962, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of February, 1962.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme—

"County Committee" means a County Committee of Agriculture appointed pursuant to Section 2(1) of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949.

"Approved" means approved by the Ministry of Agriculture.

"Selected applicant" means a person selected by a County Committee to keep a stallion under this Scheme.

"Premium" means the payment which a selected applicant is eligible to receive for allowing his premium stallion to stand for stud purposes in his district.

"Premium Stallion" means a stallion which has been approved as being suitable for the award of a premium and which is owned by a selected applicant.

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

"Horse Breeding Society" means a Society formed for the purpose of maintaining and improving the breeding of horses.

Premium, Subsidy and Grant

3. With the object of improving the breeding of horses in Northern Ireland the Ministry may aid stallion owners and horse breeding societies by means of payments as follows:—

(*a*) premiums in respect of approved stallions;

(*b*) subsidies in respect of the purchase of approved stallions; and

(*c*) grants to horse breeding societies in respect of the leasing of approved stallions.

(a) 1949. c. 2.

Eligible Breeds

4. Only pedigree stallions of the Clydesdale, Thoroughbred and Irish Draught breeds shall be eligible for assistance under this Scheme, save that the Ministry may, in special circumstances, pay premiums, subsidies or grants in respect of pedigree stallions of other breeds for service in particular districts.

Age of Stallions

5. A stallion when inspected for a first-season premium or for a subsidy or a grant shall not be less than 3 years old and, save in exceptional circumstances, shall not be more than 6 years old, the age in either case being reckoned from the first day of January in the year of its birth.

Selection of Stallions

6.—(1) The inspection of stallions for premium shall be made by the Ministry at approved centres. The names of stallions selected for premiums shall be placed by the Ministry on a list in order of merit by breeds and a copy of the list shall be sent to each County Committee. The Ministry shall notify the owner of a stallion which has been approved for premium purposes.

(2) Inspection of a stallion for subsidy or grant shall be made by the Ministry before the purchase or leasing of the stallion takes place.

Selection and Approval of Applicants

7.—(1) A County Committee shall, in accordance with Part I of the First Schedule, receive applications and select suitable persons to keep premium stallions.

(2) A County Committee shall, in accordance with Part II of the First Schedule, receive applications for subsidies to purchase stallions. The selection of applicants for such subsidies shall be made by the Ministry and only those applications which have been recommended by the County Committee will be considered for selection.

Grants to Horse Breeding Societies

8. The Ministry may make grants to horse breeding societies in respect of the leasing of approved stallions, under the conditions set forth in Part III of the First Schedule and such other conditions as the Ministry may impose.

Conditions and Authority of County Committees

9. The conditions applicable to the placing out of premium stallions and the authority and functions of County Committees shall be as set forth in the Second and Third Schedules respectively.

Values of Premiums and Subsidies

10. The values of premiums and subsidies payable by the Ministry and the methods of paying premiums shall be as set forth in the Fourth Schedule, save that the Ministry may pay such smaller amount as it may determine in respect of a premium stallion which fails to complete the prescribed number of services.

Penalties

11.—(1) In the event of any infringement of, or non-compliance with the terms of this Scheme, payment of the premium, subsidy or grant or any part thereof may be withheld by the Ministry.