EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order designates three scheduled points of entry from the Republic of Ireland into Northern Ireland which shall be reserved exclusively for attested cattle. Seven further points of entry may be used by attested cattle provided that the Ministry receives at least five days' notice.

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POULTRY

Progeny Test

SCHEME, DATED 1ST APRIL, 1960, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949(a).

The Ministry of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section nine of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, 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 Poultry Progeny Testing (Temporary Provisions) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1960, and shall come into operation on the 25th day of April, 1960.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme:—

"bird" means domestic fowl.

"cockerel" means a male bird in its first season.

"pen" means a group of twenty-four pullets belonging to the same owner and housed together during the test.

"pullet" means a female bird, hatched not more than seven months previous to the commencement of the test.

"test" means the grading and recording of the eggs laid by each pen.

Entries

3.—(1) Application for entry to the Scheme shall be made in the form specified in the First Schedule.

(2) Each entry shall be a sample of twenty-four point-of-lay pullets bred by the entrant and sired by a cockerel which shall be alive at the time of commencement of the test.

(a) 1949. c. 2.

(3) Pullets entered for the Scheme shall be of the same breed which may be any recognised utility pure breed. A breeder may submit more than one entry to the Scheme.

Acceptance of Entries

4. If the number of entries received exceeds the accommodation available:—

(1) Applicants shall be selected according to the following order of preference:—

Entries from Accredited Farms Grade A.
Entries from Accredited Farms Grade B.
Entries from other breeders.

(2) Other things being equal, preference shall be given to entries which show—

(*a*) the pedigree and egg record of the sire's dam, and

(*b*) the pedigree and egg record of the dams.

Fees

5.—(1) The fee for each entry shall be £5 and shall be paid when application for entry is made.

(2) If for any reason other than the failure of the entrant to comply with the conditions in Article 7, the Ministry does not accept an entry or does not complete the testing of an entry, the fee or a part thereof shall be refunded to the entrant.

Identification

6.—(1) A breeder shall cause all chicks intended for entry to the test to be temporarily identified at the time of hatching by toe punching or leg banding in such a manner as to relate them to their dams.

(2) Permanent wing banding of the birds when required shall be done by an officer of the Ministry.

(3) Where a pen is accepted for the test, a sealed ring shall be affixed by an officer of the Ministry to the cockerel which sired the pullets.

Conditions

7.—(1) Each entry shall be selected from the progeny of one cockerel mated with at least twelve females and shall include at least one daughter of each of six of these females.

(2) Before the pen is accepted, the twenty-four pullets for the test shall be selected by an officer of the Ministry so as to be representative of the dams, subject to the provision of paragraph (1), from all the pullets from the matings which are of suitable age for the test.

(3) An entrant shall take or permit the Ministry to take in respect of his entry all the precautions against disease laid down in the Second Schedule. A pen found to contain a bird that is unhealthy or affected with disease shall not be accepted for the test.

(4) Save in exceptional circumstances and with the permission of the Ministry, no bird shall be returned to its owner before completion of the test.

(5) No bird which dies during the test may be replaced.