properly payable it may recover from the person to whom such payment has been made the whole or any part of the sum already paid, or may withhold or cause to be withheld any subsequent payment which would otherwise be or become due to that person in respect of any specified produce crop under this or any later Scheme or would otherwise become payable by the Ministry. The Ministry may also recover from a registered farmer, by way of set off, out of a payment due to him under this Scheme, any monies otherwise due to the Ministry by that person.

*Entry and Inspection*

**9.** A properly authorised officer of the Ministry shall be permitted to enter upon any farm occupied by a registered farmer.

*Miscellaneous*

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

The application of a farmer for registration as a registered farmer under the Scheme will be regarded as implying his acceptance of the conditions of the Scheme.

*R. Moore,*
Minister of Agriculture.

I approve of the foregoing Scheme.

*Terence O'Neill,*
Minister of Finance.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the Scheme, but is intended to indicate its general purport.*)

This Scheme provides for the making of Acreage Payments at the rate of £2 per acre to farmers who have grown specified produce crops in 1958.

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## Agricultural Development (Fertiliser) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1958

SCHEME, DATED 30TH JUNE, 1958, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 6 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949(a).

1958. No. 103 **[C]**

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sub-section (1) of Section 6 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:—

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(a) 12 & 13 Geo. 6. c. 2.

1. This scheme may be cited as the Agricultural Development (Fertiliser) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1958.

2. In this scheme the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"the Act" means the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949;

"agricultural land" means any land in Northern Ireland used as arable, meadow or pasture ground, or for the purpose of poultry farming, market gardens, nursery grounds, orchards or allotments;

"arable land" means land in Northern Ireland which is cultivated or which in the opinion of the Ministry is capable of being cultivated;

"occupier" means the person who, by virtue of an agreement, whether written or otherwise, has the right to the use of the land and who is responsible for its management and includes an association of farmers, allotment holders or small holders or other similar association which acquires fertilisers in bulk for redistribution to its members;

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

3. Where any of the fertilisers specified in the schedule to this Order are purchased by an occupier of any holding which includes not more than 50 acres of arable land situate in Northern Ireland for the purpose of improving the fertility of the agricultural land within the said holding or any part thereof and are delivered to the purchaser during the period beginning on 1st July, 1958, and ending on 30th June, 1959, or such earlier date as the Ministry may determine, the Ministry on being satisfied that the fertilisers have been or will be applied thereto may refund to the purchaser of the said fertilisers such contribution of the net cost thereof as is provided in the said schedule.

4. Any person or association who desires to apply for a contribution to be paid in accordance with the provisions of this scheme shall apply to the Ministry:

(*a*) in writing in such form as the Ministry may require,

(*b*) within one month of the delivery of the fertilisers or within such further time as the Ministry may allow.

5. No contribution shall be made in respect of fertilisers to which this scheme applies unless the total quantity of all the kinds of fertiliser to which the application relates is not less than 2 cwt.

6. The Ministry may require an applicant for a contribution to give to any person authorised by the Ministry in that behalf reasonable facilities for the inspection of any fertilisers to which the application relates, or of the land to which they have been applied, and to produce any accounts, invoices, receipts or other documents and to give all information required by the Ministry for the purpose of verifying the application.