Additional Payment to Seed Growers

1. An additional payment at the rate of 5/- per cwt. will, subject to 2 hereunder, be paid to growers of ryegrass seed sold to the Ministry under the terms of the Marketing of Ryegrass Seed Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957(a).

2. Only those growers whose seed was graded A+, A or B will qualify for such additional payment.

Short Title

3. These Regulations may be cited as the Marketing of Ryegrass Seed Regulations No. 2 (Northern Ireland), 1958.

R. Moore,
Minister of Agriculture.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this fourth day of September, 1958, in the presence of

(L.S.)

K. Shimeld,
Assistant Secretary.

Accredited Pig Herds and Litter Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1958

SCHEME, DATED 31ST JANUARY, 1958, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949(b).

1958. No. 17 **[C]**

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in 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 for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Accredited Pig Herds and Litter Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1958, and shall come into operation on the fourteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

2. In this Scheme:—

"Authorised" means authorised by the Ministry.

"Herd" means the whole stock of swine, or the portion specified in accordance with paragraph (*e*) of Article 4, as the case may be.

(a) S.R. & O. 1957, No. 172. (b) 1949, c. 2.

"Recognised" means recognised by the Ministry.
"Sows" includes gilts.

Register of Accredited Herds

3. With the object of aiding, improving and developing the breeding of swine in Northern Ireland, the Ministry shall set up a register of pig herds to be called "The Accredited Pig Herds Register" in which shall be entered particulars of the herds which shall, to the satisfaction of the Ministry, have attained the standards laid down in the Third Schedule, and the names of the owners of which have complied with the conditions of this Scheme.

Application for Registration

4. An application for entry of a herd in the Accredited Pig Herds Register shall conform with the following Rules:—

(*a*) the application shall be in the form set out in the First Schedule or to the like effect;

(*b*) the applicant shall be a member of a recognised Herd Book Society for the Large White breed;

(*c*) only pedigree pigs of the Large White breed shall be eligible for entry in the Register and the following paragraphs of this Article refer only to such pigs;

(*d*) where the herd does not contain more than twenty sows, the application shall include all breeding stock owned by the applicant;

(*e*) where the herd contains more than twenty sows, the application shall include not less than twenty specified sows which together with their litters and the stock boars shall be deemed to constitute the herd of the applicant for the purposes of this Scheme. Where application is made under this paragraph, the applicant shall maintain not less than twenty specified sows in the Scheme so long as he owns more than that number of sows.

Acceptance

5. The Ministry, on receipt of an application, may intimate its acceptance of a herd into the Scheme provided it is satisfied that the conditions laid down in the Second Schedule exist in respect thereof, and after receipt of notice of such acceptance the owner shall observe the following rules with respect to the herd:—

(*a*) notify the Ministry of all births within one week of the date of such birth;

(*b*) record numbers of pigs born, numbers weaned, abormalities, weights of litters and ages and weights at slaughter and any other information which the Ministry may determine;

(*c*) weigh all pigs at 21 days and at 56 days old;

(*d*) fatten on the farm and sell live at bacon weight to the Pigs Marketing Board for slaughter all pigs not retained or sold for breeding purposes. The number

of pigs sold live at bacon weight for slaughter shall be at least 40 per cent. of the total number of pigs weaned;

(*e*) enter boars at shows and sales approved for the purpose of selection of premiums;

(*f*) submit on request to the Ministry the grading data including weight and age at slaughter of all pigs sold for slaughter during the preceding year;

(*g*) provide all the necessary facilities and assist the Ministry's Officers in the weighing of pigs, checking of records and in all other matters connected with this Scheme.

Fees

6. The owners of herds to which Article 5 applies shall pay to the Ministry, at the time of notification of birth in accordance with the above-mentioned Rules, a fee of five shillings in respect of each litter born in the herd.

Accreditation

7. When the Ministry is satisfied after a period of twelve months from the date of its acceptance of any application that the rules contained in Article 5 of this Scheme have been complied with and further that the standards imposed by the Third Schedule have been attained the herd shall be registered as an Accredited Pig Herd and shall, unless withdrawn, so remain as long as the standards laid down are maintained and the conditions imposed by this Scheme are observed and while such registration continues the owner shall:—

(*a*) Supply progeny of his stock boars as may be directed by the Ministry for testing at the Ministry's Litter Testing Station, and,

(*b*) After a date to be determined by the Ministry, mate the sows in the Accredited Pig Herd only with approved boars or the sons of approved boars.

Approved Boars

8. A boar shall become approved when four litters sired by him and born in Accredited Pig Herds have been accepted for testing at the Ministry's Litter Testing Station in accordance with the conditions set out in Part I of the Fourth Schedule and have reached the required standards as set out in Part II of that Schedule. Only boars from Accredited Pig Herds shall be eligible for approval.

Litter Testing

9.—(1) At the discretion of the Ministry, four pigs for testing from each litter shall be selected by an Authorised Officer from such litters as may comply with the conditions contained in Part I of the Fourth Schedule.

(2) Delivery of pigs to the Ministry's Litter Testing Station and payment, therefore, shall be in accordance with the Fifth Schedule.

(3) The Ministry may at its discretion accept for testing pigs from pedigree litters which are not born in Accredited Pig Herds provided that a request for such test is received from the owner at least three weeks before the litter is born. This Article shall then apply but in addition the owner shall comply with Sub. Paragraphs (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*g*) of Article 5 in respect of all litters accepted for testing.

Cancellation of Acceptance or Accreditation

10. The Ministry shall have power to cancel any Acceptance, Accreditation or Approval, and to remove from the Scheme any applicant who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Scheme.

General

11.—(1) All pigs contained in herds entered in this Scheme shall be marked to the satisfaction of the Ministry.

(2) The Ministry shall have absolute discretion as to which litters are tested at the Litter Testing Station.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. C. Baird,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in the presence of

(L.S.) *K. R. Shimeld,*
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(*Article* 4)

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND
ACCREDITED PIG HERDS SCHEME (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1958

Application for Registration

1. I (Mr., Mrs., Miss).....
(Give full Christian names and Surname in Capitals)

of .....

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Telephone No. ..... County.....

hereby apply for registration under the above-mentioned Scheme.