SEVENTH SCHEDULE

Procedure to be observed by owners of Accredited Poultry Farms wishing to obtain Stock Cockerels

Grade A farms

Owners of grade A farms shall obtain only from other grade A farms any fresh blood, namely, stock cockerels, or eggs or chicks from which primarily to raise stock cockerels, they may wish to introduce.

An established pedigree breeder whose stock is shown by official recording to be satisfactory and whose farm would be eligible for grade A if there were sufficient birds on it to satisfy the conditions of this Scheme will be regarded as equivalent to grade A for the purpose only of supplying new blood to owners of accredited farms. This concession shall not apply to farms which are eligible for accreditation, the owners of which have not applied to have them accredited.

Grade B farms

Owners of grade B farms shall obtain only from grade A farms any fresh blood, namely, stock cockerels, or eggs or chicks from which primarily to raise stock cockerels, they may wish to introduce.

Grade C farms

Owners of grade C farms shall obtain only from grade A or grade B farms any fresh blood, namely, stock cockerels, or eggs or chicks from which primarily to raise stock cockerels, they may wish to introduce. Surplus birds obtained by a grade C farm from an A or B farm shall not be eligible for sale as being from a grade A or B farm.

Unless in exceptional circumstances where prior approval to do so is obtained, it shall not be permissible to obtain from another farm more eggs than are necessary to provide the cockerels needed. The pullets from such a hatch shall not be retained unless they are of a breed approved for the farm for breeding.

Acreage Payments—Potatoes

SCHEME DATED 17TH MAY, 1956, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1954 AND 1956.

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The Minister of Agriculture by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Acts (Northern Ireland) 1954 and 1956 and of all other powers him thereunto enabling, and with the approval of the Minister of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Short Title and Commencement

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Acreage Payments (Potatoes) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1956.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on 17th May, 1956.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme—

"Potatoes" means potatoes planted in Northern Ireland during the year 1956.

"Acre" means statute acre.

"Acreage Payment" means a sum calculated in respect of any of the specified varieties of potatoes by reference to the acreage occupied by that variety.

Acreage Payments

3.—(1) For the purpose of assisting the agricultural industry in Northern Ireland the Ministry may, subject to and in accordance with the succeeding provisions of this Scheme, make to qualified producers in respect of the varieties of potatoes specified in the first column of the Schedule acreage payments at the rates specified in respect thereof in the second column of the said Schedule.

(2) An acreage payment shall not be made under the preceding sub-paragraph in respect of potatoes which are found to contain less than 95 per cent. of the variety in respect of which payment is sought.

Qualified Producers

4.—(1) A person shall not be deemed to be a qualified producer for the purposes of this Scheme unless on the first day of June, 1956:—

(*a*) he is farming not less than one acre of agricultural land in Northern Ireland either as owner or occupier thereof or as conacre tenant thereof;

(*b*) the aggregate area of that land on which potatoes of the specified varieties either in Group A or in Group B of the Schedule are grown is not less than one half-acre; and

(*c*) he owns the said potatoes.

(2) Where a qualified producer dies before a payment under this Scheme has been made to him, that payment may, on production of Probate, Letters of Administration or such other evidence as appears to the Ministry to be satisfactory, be paid by the Ministry to his Personal Representatives for the benefit of his Estate or, if representation has not been raised and the amount of the payment is under one hundred pounds, may be paid by the Ministry to, or for the benefit of, his dependents.

Computation of Acreage

5. For the purpose of calculating the area of land on which any of the specified varieties of potatoes are grown:—

(*a*) headlands shall be included;

(*b*) woodland and land occupied by roads, ponds, buildings, pits and quarries shall be excluded;

(*c*) the area of land on which a variety specified in Group A or in Group B in the first column of the Schedule is grown shall be aggregated with the area of land on