Gassing of Vermin Scheme

SCHEME DATED THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1954, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 6 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949 (a).

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The Ministry of Agriculture when satisfied that it is necessary or advisable, in order to increase the productive capacity of any agricultural land, to destroy vermin, is prepared to assist occupiers of such lands to purchase gassing powder for that purpose and, accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sub-section (1) of Section 6 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, (hereinafter called " the Act ") and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following scheme:—

1. This scheme may be cited as the Gassing of Vermin Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1954.

Definitions

2. In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

" authorised officer " means an officer authorised by the Ministry for the purpose of the scheme;

" gassing powder " means " Cymag ", " Cyanolime " or " Gasit " each being a proprietary name for a cyanide gassing powder; or any other gassing powder recognised by the Ministry;

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

" agricultural land " has the same meaning as in Section 43 of the Act;

" vermin " means rabbits and rats.

Interpretation

3. The Interpretation Act, 1889 (b), as applied to Northern Ireland by the Interpretation Act, 1921 (c) shall apply to the interpretation of this scheme in like manner as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Conditions under which payments may be made

4. Where on an application (in the form required by the Ministry) by the occupier of any agricultural land, the Ministry is satisfied that the destruction of vermin will increase the productive capacity of such land, an authorised officer may issue to the applicant a certificate authorising the purchase of a gassing powder by the said applicant for such purpose at a price one-third less than the normal retail price of such powder. The person named in the certificate may when purchasing gassing powder produce the certificate to the retail seller and request him to make a reduction of one-third of the normal retail price of such powder. In case the seller shall make the said reduction,

(a) 12 & 13 Geo. 6. c. 2.
(b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) 12 Geo. 5. c. 4 (N.I.).