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 .....

.....

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

hereby apply for registration under the above-mentioned Scheme.

2. The total number of pigs on my farm is as follows:—

(*a*) PEDIGREE BREEDING STOCK

Breed	Sows	Gilts	Boars

These are kept at.....

(*b*) OTHER PIGS

Breed	Sows	Gilts	Boars	Other Pigs

These are kept at.....

3. Details of Large White pedigree pigs which I apply to have entered in the Scheme.

Description (i.e. Sow, Gilt or Boar)	Herd Book No.	Ear No.	Description (i.e. Sow, Gilt or Boar)	Herd Book No.	Ear No.

4. I hereby undertake in the event of my herd being accepted into the Scheme to comply with all the conditions and requirements of the Scheme.

Date..... Signature.....

SECOND SCHEDULE (*Article* 5)

Conditions to be Satisfied before Acceptance

1. The applicant shall have not less than four breeding female swine.
2. All breeding stock in the herd shall have been registered in the Herd Book of a recognised breed Society.
3. All swine on the farm shall be sound and healthy.
4. The breeding stock shall conform to the recognised standards of breed type.
5. The housing for the stock shall be adequate and suitable.
6. The necessary facilities shall be available for the weighing of pigs, the checking of records and all other matters connected with the Scheme.

THIRD SCHEDULE (*Article* 7)

Standards for Accreditation

1. The average number of pigs reared to 56 days old per litter shall not be less than eight over each period of two years in herds containing seven sows or less, or in each year when the herds contain eight sows or more.
2. Over each period of one year the true average weight of pigs living at 56 days shall be not less than 28 lb. per pig.
3. Over each period of one year the average age of pigs at time of slaughter shall not exceed 210 days.
4. Over each period of one year the percentage figure for carcases graded "A" shall be at least 10 above the corresponding average for Northern Ireland.
5. Over each period of one year the average length of carcase as ascertained at time of grading shall exceed the corresponding Northern Ireland average by not less than 10 millimetres.

FOURTH SCHEDULE (*Article* 8)

PART I

Conditions for Admission of Progeny to Litter Testing Station

1. The dams of the litters for test shall not be full sisters.
2. The testing of four litters shall be completed before the boar is two years old.
3. The number of pigs at the age of 56 days in each litter for test shall not be less than eight.

4. At the age of 56 days in each litter for test—
   (*a*) the total weight of the litter shall be not less than 280 lb., and
   (*b*) the average weight per pig shall be not less than 28 lb.
5. All pigs in each litter shall be free from congenital abnormality.
6. All pigs in each litter shall be free from disease.

PART II

Standards Required in Progeny of Boar for Approval

The following standards shall apply to the average of the four litters tested:—

1. The average back fat thickness at the shoulder and at the loin shall not exceed the corresponding contemporary averages for the Litter Testing Station.
2. The average mid-back fat thickness shall not be less than 14 millimetres.
3. The average length shall not be less than the contemporary average for the Litter Testing Station.
4. The average streak thickness shall not be less than 30 millimetres.
5. The average age at slaughter shall not exceed 200 days.
6. The average food conversion shall not exceed 3.6 pounds of meal per pound liveweight gain for the period of the test.

FIFTH SCHEDULE (*Article* 9)

LITTER TESTING STATION

Delivery and Payment for Pigs for Test

1. The four pigs selected by the Ministry for testing of a litter shall be delivered to the Ministry's Litter Testing Station by the owner at such times as the Ministry may require.
2. On delivery the average weight of the four pigs for test shall be between 40 lb. and 50 lb.
3. All male pigs for testing shall at the age of 6 weeks have been castrated by the owner.
4. All pigs shall be weighed on arrival at the Litter Testing Station and if accepted they shall then become the property of the Ministry.
5. The Ministry shall pay the owner for the pigs by weight at a rate per pound determined by the Ministry so that the amount payable shall approximate to the current market value of the pigs.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

With the object of improving the breed of pigs the Scheme provides for

(*a*) the compilation of an Accredited Pig Herds Register in which may be entered herds of pedigree Large White pigs which are maintained under satisfactory conditions and

from which not less than 40% of the pigs weaned on slaughter at bacon weight attain a defined high standard of grading;

(*b*) the conditions of acceptance for test at the Ministry's Litter Testing Station of litters produced in Accredited Pig Herds;

(*c*) the recognition as Approved Boars of boars from Accredited Pig Herds whose progeny under test attains defined high standards;

(*d*) the determination by the Ministry of a date after which all sows in Accredited Pig Herds shall be mated only with Approved Boars or sons of Approved Boars.

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

SCHEME, DATED 24TH APRIL, 1958, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949(a).

1958. No. 54 **[C]**

The Ministry of Agriculture 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, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Citation and Commencement

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

Amendment of the Principal Scheme

2. The Accredited Pig Herds and Litter Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1958(b), (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Scheme") is hereby amended as follows:—

(i) In paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) of Article 4 the words "Large White breed" shall be deleted and in substitution therefor there shall be inserted the words "Large White or Landrace breeds".

(ii) For paragraph 3 of the form of application set forth in the First Schedule to the Principal Scheme there shall be substituted a paragraph in the form set forth in the Schedule hereto.

(iii) In paragraph 4 of the Third Schedule to the Principal Scheme after the words "graded 'A'" there shall be inserted the words "measurement at both shoulder and loin".

(a) 1949. c. 2.

(b) S.R. & O. 1958, No. 17.