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ACCREDITED PIG HERDS AND PIG TESTING SCHEME (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972

SCHEME, DATED 28TH SEPTEMBER 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949.

The Ministry of Agriculture on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(**a**) 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.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Accredited Pig Herds and Pig Testing (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1972.

(2) This Scheme shall be construed as one with the Accredited Pig Herds and Pig Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1968(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Scheme").

(3) This Scheme shall come into operation on 2nd October 1972.

Amendment of the Principal Scheme

PART I—ELITE PIG HERDS

Entry to Part I

2. For paragraph (*d*) of Article 5 of the Principal Scheme there shall be substituted the following new paragraph:—

"(*d*) the herd shall consist of not less than twenty-five breeding sows based on a quarterly average of that number taken over a period of one year whilst recording in the Scheme, and such sows together with the stock boars shall be deemed to constitute the herd of the applicant for the purpose of the Scheme."

Acceptance to Part I

3. For paragraph (*h*) of Article 6 of the Principal Scheme there shall be substituted the following new paragraph:—

"(*h*) weigh and record the weights of all pigs at 42 days old;"

Accreditation of Elite Pig Herds

4. For paragraph 1 of Article 7 of the Principal Scheme there shall be substituted the following new paragraph:—

"(1) When the Ministry is satisfied after its acceptance of a herd that the rules contained in Article 6 have been observed, that over a period of one year the standards laid down in Part I of the Third Schedule have

(**a**) 1949. c. 2. (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 210.

been attained and that the herd is participating in the Pig Health Scheme operated by the Ministry the herd shall be registered as an Accredited Elite Pig Herd and shall, unless such registration is cancelled, so remain for a period of one year from the date the registration. While such registration continues the herdowner shall, as directed by the Ministry:—

(*a*) supply progeny of his stock boar for testing at the Ministry's Pig Testing Station with at least one boar undergoing test each year for every twelve sows being recorded in the herd and with a minimum of two boars undergoing test in any year; and

(*b*) follow an approved programme of matings and farrowings."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 28th day of September 1972.

(L.S.) *J. Parke,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance on behalf of the Secretary of State hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 28th day of September 1972.

(L.S.) *A. J. Green,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme amends Part I of the Principal Scheme relating to Elite Pig Herds by increasing the sow average from 15 to 25, by removing the need to weigh pigs at 21 days of age and by making participation in the Pig Health Scheme operated by the Ministry a requirement for Accreditation.