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AGRICULTURE

Accredited Poultry Farms Scheme

SCHEME, DATED 17TH AUGUST 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 9(1) of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance hereby makes the following Scheme:—

PART I

GENERAL

Citation and Commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Accredited Poultry Farms Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1966 and shall come into operation on the 31st day of August 1966.

Revocation

2. The Accredited Poultry Farms Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1964 and 1965(b) is hereby revoked save that any farm accredited under that Scheme shall be regarded as so accredited until 31st August 1966.

Definitions

3. In this Scheme:—

"Accredited" means approved by the Ministry in accordance with this Scheme.

"Accredited Farm" means a parent breeding farm, supply farm or rearing farm which has been accredited.

"Parent Breeding Farm" means a farm or premises on which poultry breeding stock are maintained primarily for the production and distribution of hatching eggs or breeding stock.

"Supply Farm" means a farm or premises on which poultry breeding stock are maintained primarily for the production and distribution of hatching eggs or day-old chicks.

"Rearing Farm" means a farm on which poultry are reared for any period between day-old and 20 weeks of age.

"Poultry" means domestic fowl but excludes turkeys, geese, ducks, bantams and any other birds whatsoever.

"Growing Stock" means poultry between day-old and 20 weeks of age.

"Licensed Hatchery" means a hatchery licensed by the Ministry under the Poultry Hatcheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1950(c).

"Commercial" as applied to chicks, poultry or eggs means chicks, poultry or eggs used other than for breeding.

"Day-old chick" means a chick not more than 48 hours old.

"Disease" includes any disease which in the opinion of the Ministry would constitute a hazard to the health of poultry in Northern Ireland whether

(a) 1949. c. 2.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 44 and S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 123.
(c) 1950. c. 18.

or not within the definition of disease contained in the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(a).

Register of Accredited Farms

4.—(1) The Ministry shall set up and maintain a register of accredited farms in Northern Ireland.

(2) For the purpose of registration accredited farms shall be separated into such categories as the Ministry may determine having regard to the functions of the farms.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2) an accredited parent breeding farm or an accredited supply farm may be registered for the production of either hatching eggs or day-old chicks or for both these operations and an accredited rearing farm may be registered only for the production of growing stock.

(4) The register shall comprise separate sections for each category of accredited farm and shall contain such information as the Ministry may deem appropriate having regard to the purpose for which the farm is accredited.

Publication

5. The Ministry may publish the register in whole or in part.

Reservation

6. The Ministry neither gives nor implies any guarantee as to the quality or health of eggs or stock from an accredited farm and the Ministry shall not be liable for losses incurred by any person due to disease or any other shortcoming in such eggs or stock.

Application for registration

7. Application for registration shall be made to the Ministry in such form as the Ministry may require, and the prescribed fee shall be paid at the time of application. Application for renewal of registration shall be made and the prescribed fee paid not later than two months before the date of expiry of the accreditation period.

Fees

8.—(1) The fee for registration or renewal of registration of a farm shall be £5, provided that in respect of any application made during the period ending on the 31st day of May 1967 the registration fee shall be:—

(i) in the case of a supply farm which would have been a contract supply farm within the meaning of the Accredited Poultry Farms Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1964 and in respect of which a fee of £1 would have been payable under Article 5(*c*) of that Scheme . . £1 0s. 0d.

(ii) in the case of any other supply farm . . . . £1 10s. 0d.

(2) The Ministry may refund a first registration fee paid in accordance with Article 7 when the applicant has informed the Ministry that he wishes to withdraw the application before the Ministry has incurred any expenses in connection therewith.

Conditions for Accreditation

9. A farm to which an application relates shall be accredited—

(a) 1958, c. 13.

(*a*) when the Ministry is satisfied on inspection by an authorised officer: —

(i) that the housing, equipment and husbandry on the farm are of a standard which is adequate for the purpose for which the farm is to be accredited;

(ii) that there are adequate facilities for the segregation of different classes of stock.

(*b*) when the stock has passed such tests for disease as the Ministry may deem necessary.

Accreditation

10.—(1) When a farm has been accredited the Ministry shall give the owner written notification of such accreditation.

(2) Accreditation shall remain in force for one year unless revoked or suspended by the Ministry or surrendered by the owner of the farm.

Accreditation Requirements

11.—(1) The owner of an accredited parent breeding farm shall comply with the requirements set out in Parts I, II and III of the Schedule.

(2) The owner of an accredited supply farm shall comply with the requirements set out in Parts I, III and IV of the Schedule.

(3) The owner of an accredited rearing farm shall comply with the requirements set out in Parts I and V of the Schedule.

(4) The Ministry may, in exceptional circumstances, issue written authorisation to the owner of an accredited farm modifying the scheduled accreditation requirements in relation to his farm.

Suspension or Revocation of Accreditation

12.—(1) The Ministry may suspend or revoke the accreditation of any farm or suspend the accreditation of part of a farm—

(*a*) if the requirements of the Scheme applicable to the farm are not complied with;

(*b*) if standards of housing, equipment and husbandry are not maintained to the satisfaction of the Ministry;

(*c*) if the Ministry has reason to suspect the presence of disease on the farm;

(*d*) if any of the stock on the farm fails to pass a test for disease carried out by the Ministry; or

(*e*) if there is a change of ownership or of the premises of the farm.

(2) When accreditation has been suspended or revoked the Ministry shall as soon as possible, give written notice to the owner of the farm. Such notice shall state the reason for the suspension or revocation of accreditation.

(3) Where accreditation has been suspended and the owner of the farm wishes to have accreditation restored he shall continue to comply with the requirements of the Scheme.

(4) Where accreditation has been revoked the farm shall not be re-accredited for a period of at least one year.

PART II

PREVENTION OF DISEASE

Disease Precautions

13. The owner of an accredited farm shall take such precautions against disease as the Ministry may from time to time direct.

Testing for Disease

14.—(1) The Ministry may carry out on an accredited farm such tests for disease at such times as it considers necessary.

(2) The Ministry shall not be liable for any loss or upset due to testing unless it can be shown that such loss or upset was caused by negligence on the Ministry's part.

Validity of Disease Test

15. No test for disease other than a test carried out by the Ministry shall be recognised for purposes of the Scheme.

Suspected Disease

16. The owner of an accredited farm, if he has reason to suspect that disease exists on the farm or if in any four-week period the number of deaths in his flock exceeds two per 100 birds, shall immediately—

(*a*) inform the Ministry; and

(*b*) supply if required a representative sample of specimens which are either sick or have recently died to the Veterinary Research Division, Ministry of Agriculture, The Farm, Stormont, Belfast, 4, accompanied by the owner's name and address, a document bearing his accredited stamp, details of the symptoms observed, the percentage sickness rate, the percentage death rate and any other information which may be relevant.

Confirmed Disease

17.—(1) Where the presence of disease is confirmed on an accredited farm the Ministry shall inform the owner of the farm and may inform any person who may be, or who may have been supplied from the farm with birds or eggs which in the Ministry's opinion have been exposed to the risk of infection.

(2) Where birds or hatching eggs have in the Ministry's opinion been exposed to the risk of infection on a farm the Ministry may require:—

(*a*) the discontinuance wholly or in part of the distribution of eggs, chicks or birds of any description;

(*b*) the removal from incubators of all or any eggs;

(*c*) the discontinuance of hatching;

(*d*) the discontinuance of sexing;

(*e*) the testing for disease of any poultry;

(*f*) the disinfection of such housing and equipment in such manner as the Ministry may specify.

(3) Diseased or suspected poultry, poultry carcases or eggs shall be dealt with as directed by the Ministry.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 17th day of August 1966 in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. G. Malcolm,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 17th day of August 1966 in the presence of

(L.S.) *R. H. Kidd,*
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

PART I

Requirements applicable to all Accredited Farms

The owner of an accredited farm shall comply with the following requirements:—

(1) Keep in such form as the Ministry may require a record of all losses by disease or any other cause.

(2) Permit the inspection of the farm, premises, stock, equipment and records by an authorised officer at any reasonable time.

PART II

Requirements applicable to Accredited Parent Breeding Farms

The owner of an accredited parent breeding farm shall comply with the following requirements:—

(1) Enter a sample of each strain of commercial chicks produced from his breeding flock in the poultry tests carried out under the Poultry Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1966(a).

(2) Show to the Ministry's satisfaction that breeding stock being distributed from the farm result from a breeding programme, the object of which is the improvement of the economic characteristics of the stock.

(3) Provide the Ministry with detailed information on his arrangements for the distribution of stock and on any changes in such arrangements.

(4) Obtain replacement stock only from a source approved by the Ministry.

PART III

Requirements applicable to Accredited Parent Breeding Farms and Accredited Supply Farms

The owner of an accredited parent breeding farm or of an accredited supply farm shall comply with the following requirements:—

(1) Keep in such form as the Ministry may require records of all stock on his premises and particulars of all hatching eggs, day-old chicks or other

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 16.

stock received on or sent from the farm, together with the names and addresses of the consignors or consignees.

(2) Stamp on the farm with a rubber stamp supplied or approved by the Ministry all eggs sent from the farm for hatching. Subject to the Ministry's written approval, arrangements may be made for the stamping or other means of identification of eggs for hatching at a collection centre or other premises away from the farm.

(3) Stamp the delivery note accompanying a consignment of day-old chicks or other stock sent from the farm with the rubber stamp supplied or approved by the Ministry.

(4) Ensure that replacement stocks shall have passed within the four weeks prior to being brought on to the farm such tests for disease as the Ministry may require or be kept in isolation under arrangements approved by the Ministry until such tests have been passed.

(5) Use for hatching eggs only storage facilities which have been approved by the Ministry.

(6) Use for the transport of hatching eggs only containers which have been approved by the Ministry.

(7) Transport hatching eggs only under arrangements which have been approved by the Ministry.

PART IV

Requirements applicable to Accredited Supply Farms

The owner of an accredited supply farm shall comply with the following requirements:—

(1) Keep only poultry breeding stock on the farm provided that where commercial stock are already being kept in accordance with the Accredited Poultry Farm Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1964 and 1965, such stock may, notwithstanding the revocation of that Scheme, continue to be kept under conditions approved by the Ministry until 31st December 1969.

(2) Obtain replacement stocks only from:—

(*a*) an accredited parent breeding farm:

(i) as hatching eggs or day-old chicks, or

(ii) as growing stock reared on an accredited rearing farm;

(*b*) any other source approved by the Ministry.

(3) Furnish the Ministry with such evidence as it may require as to the origin of replacement stock brought on to the farm.

PART V

Requirements applicable to Accredited Rearing Farms

The owner of an accredited rearing farm shall comply with the following requirements:—

(1) Keep only growing stock on the farm.

(2) Keep on the farm only poultry from an approved source.

(3) Ensure that all stock kept at any time in any house on the farm shall not vary in age by more than 14 days.

(4) Obtain replacement stock only from:—

(*a*) an accredited parent breeding farm;

(*b*) a licensed hatchery; or

(*c*) any other source approved by the Ministry.

(5) Keep in such form as the Ministry may require a record of all stock received on or sent from the farm together with the names and addresses of the consignors or consignees.

(6) Ensure that each poultry house on the farm after being cleared of stock shall be cleansed, disinfected and rested for two weeks before again being used to house poultry.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme which replaces an existing Scheme lays down conditions and requirements for the accreditation of poultry farms. The new Scheme does not specify the breeding policy to be followed but places emphasis on the need to maintain and improve the health and economic characteristics of poultry flocks in Northern Ireland.

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FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition and Labelling

Salad Cream

REGULATIONS, DATED 19TH AUGUST 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER SECTIONS 4, 7 AND 68 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Sections 4, 7 and 68 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(a), having consulted with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these regulations, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Salad Cream Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966 and shall come into operation on 19th September 1966.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958;

"container" includes any form of packaging of food for sale as a single

(a) 1958. c. 27.