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AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Returns

REGULATIONS, DATED 7TH NOVEMBER 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURAL RETURNS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1939.

The Ministry of Agriculture (hereinafter called "the Ministry") on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 1 of the Agricultural Returns Act (Northern Ireland) 1939(**a**) and of every other power enabling it on that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Agricultural Returns (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on 26th November 1973.

Amendment of the Agricultural Returns Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966

2. The Agricultural Returns Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In Regulation 1 the words "the following particulars, that is to say:—" shall be deleted and there shall be substituted the words "such of the following information as the Ministry may require:—".

(2) In paragraph 1(*b*) after the word "age" there shall be inserted the word "weight".

(3) In paragraph 1(*c*) the words "and status" shall be deleted and there shall be substituted the words "status, qualifications and experience".

(4) After paragraph 1(*f*) there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(*g*) such other particulars as may be required to comply with an obligation of the European Economic Community.".

(5) Paragraphs 2(i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) are hereby revoked and the following shall be substituted therefor—

"(1) for particulars required to be furnished under a European Economic Community Regulation or Directive such day as is stated in that Regulation or Directive;

(2) for any of the particulars required by Regulation 1 the first week day of April, June, August or December in each year.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 7th day of November 1973.

(L.S.)

W. O. Brown,
Senior Assistant Secretary.

(**a**) 2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 35 (N.I.). (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 47.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations bring the law of Northern Ireland in relation to certain agricultural census matters into conformity with the European Economic Community requirements. The Regulations allow extra questions to be asked and the dates of the March and September censuses to be changed to April and August. These also allow questions to be asked on pigs by their weight as well as their age.