1972. No. 238 **[C]**

AGRICULTURE

Payment of Bonuses for Carcase Quality

SCHEME, DATED THE 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1972, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954(a) AS AMENDED BY THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1957(b).

WHEREAS by Section 1(1) of the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 the Minister of Agriculture with the approval of the Minister of Finance may make schemes whereby for the purpose of assisting the agricultural industry in Northern Ireland the Ministry of Agriculture may make payments to or for the benefit (whether direct or indirect) of farmers producing any produce specified in the Scheme:

AND WHEREAS by Section 1(4) of the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 a Scheme made under that Act may be varied or revoked by a subsequent Scheme made under that Act:

AND WHEREAS by subsection 1(*a*) of Section 1 of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(c) it is provided that so long as that Section has effect all functions which apart from that Act belong to any Minister of Northern Ireland shall be discharged by the Secretary of State:

NOW THEREFORE the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Section 1 of the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 as amended by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1957 and by Section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972 and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Short title and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Carcase Quality Bonus (Amendment No. 2) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1972 and shall come into operation on 2nd October 1972.

2. The Carcase Quality Bonus Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1967(d) is hereby amended by substituting for the First Schedule thereto the Schedule to this Scheme.

Dated this 15th day of September 1972.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

(a) 1954. c. 31.
(b) 1957. c. 3.
(c) 1972. c. 22.
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 252.

SCHEDULE

Grades of quality and weights

Characters of Carcase	Grade U	Grade L	Grade T	Grade E
General Conformation	Very good to good	Very good to good	Good	
General Fleshing i.e. Rounds, Rumps, Loins, Ribs, Chucks	Very good	Very good to good	Good	
Neck and Shanks	Short to relatively short	Short to relatively short	Relatively short to slightly long and thin	
Fat Covering	Thin and evenly distributed	Thin to medium and evenly distributed	From thin to thicker than the maximum requirement for Grade L but not very fat	
Kidney and Channel Fat	Slight to moderate	Slight to medium	From slight to somewhat more than the maximum requirement for Grade L but not heavy	Certified carcases which do not qualify for grade U, L or T
Dressed Carcase Weight				
Steers	Within the weight range 450 lb. and over	Within the weight range 450 lb. and over	Within the weight range 450 lb. and over	
Heifers	Within the weight range 390 lb. and over	Within the weight range 390 lb. and over	Within the weight range 390 lb. and over	
	Except in relation to animals which are young lightweights under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme in which case the minimum dressed carcase weight is 410 lb. for a steer and 345 lb. for a heifer	Except in relation to animals which are young lightweights under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme in which case the minimum dressed carcase weight is 410 lb. for a steer and 345 lb. for a heifer		

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme removes the limit to maximum weights of carcases, and extends the provision for carcases of animals which are young lightweights under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme to the U grade.