EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations prescribe maximum limits for the fluorine content of acidic phosphates used for food purposes and of foods containing acidic phosphates.

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AGRICULTURE

Silage Payments

SCHEME, DATED 9TH MAY, 1961, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE 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).

This Scheme, providing for the payment of grants to encourage the making of silage during the period 1st January to 31st December, 1961, being of temporary effect, is not printed at length in this volume.

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AGRICULTURE

Cattle—Breeding Herds

SCHEME, DATED 9TH MAY, 1961, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE 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).

The Minister of Agriculture, with the approval of the Minister of Finance and in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Acts (Northern Ireland), 1954 and 1957, and of all other powers him thereunto enabling, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Short title and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Cattle (Breeding Herds) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1961, and shall come into operation on the 10th May, 1961.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme—

"the Acts" means the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Acts (Northern Ireland), 1954 and 1957;

"breeding cow" means a female bovine animal which has borne a calf;

(a) 1954. c. 31. (b) 1957. c. 3.

"in-calf heifer" means a female bovine animal which was with calf for the first time at the 1st December, 1960, and which calves before 1st September, 1961;

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture;

"occupier" means a person who is in occupation of land under an estate or interest for a period of not less than twelve months, and who is responsible for its management;

"qualifying day" means the 1st June, 1961.

Subsidy Payments

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the Ministry may for the year 1961, make subsidy payments in respect of cattle grazed in Northern Ireland (being cattle of a description to which this Scheme applies) to the person who, at the beginning of the qualifying day, was the owner of the cattle and was the occupier of the land used for their maintenance.

(2) The amount which may be paid in respect of the year 1961 by way of subsidy payment under this Scheme in respect of any animal to which the Scheme applies shall be £6 or such higher amount as the Ministry, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, may determine.

Description of Cattle

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of the next succeeding sub-paragraph this Scheme shall apply to breeding cows and in-calf heifers of such type and quality as may be approved by the Ministry forming part of a regular breeding herd, that is to say, a herd of cows and in-calf heifers maintained throughout their normal breeding life for the purpose of breeding store cattle.

(2) This Scheme shall not apply to

(*a*) cows and in-calf heifers owned by persons who, at any time during the period 1st December, 1960 to 30th November, 1961, hold a licence to produce and sell milk issued under section one of the Milk Act (Northern Ireland), 1950(**a**); or

(*b*) cows which during the year 1961 are eligible for subsidy payments under the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1953(**b**).

Number of Cows, etc., qualifying for Subsidy Payment

5. The number of cattle in respect of which subsidy payments may be made to any person shall be—

(*a*) the number of breeding cows and in-calf heifers in the breeding herd on the 1st December, 1960; or

(*b*) the number of breeding cows and in-calf heifers in the breeding herd on the qualifying day

whichever of these numbers is the less.

Provided that if the number of cattle in respect of which an application is made is greater than the total number which, in the opinion of the Ministry, is capable of being properly grazed and maintained on the land on which they are grazed in accordance with good farming practice, the subsidy payments shall be restricted to such number as may be determined by the Ministry.

Management

6. It shall be a condition of the making of subsidy payments under this Scheme that, subject to the provisions of this Scheme, cattle to the number in

(**a**) 1950. c. 31. (**b**) S.I. 1953/1180.

respect of which subsidy payments may be made have been maintained throughout the period beginning 1st December, 1960 and ending 30th November, 1961, on land used for their maintenance and other activities carried on in connection therewith.

Application for Subsidy Payment

7. It shall be a condition of the making of a subsidy payment under this Scheme that any person who desires to be paid in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme:

(*a*) shall apply in writing on such form and at such time as the Ministry may require;

(*b*) shall to the best of his ability facilitate any counting or inspection of the cattle, which the Ministry may consider necessary, and shall, if so requested, gather them at some convenient place for the purpose.

Entry and Inspection

8. A duly authorised officer of the Ministry shall be entitled to enter upon any land occupied by an applicant under this Scheme.

Recovery of Monies

9. If the Ministry, after having made a payment under this Scheme, finds that such payment ought not to have been made in whole or in part or that the payment was in excess of the amount properly payable it may recover from the person to whom such payment has been made the whole or any part of the sum already paid, or may withhold or cause to be withheld any subsequent payment which might otherwise be made by the Ministry to that person under this or any other Scheme. The Ministry may also recover from an applicant under this Scheme by way of deduction from a payment which might otherwise be made to him under this Scheme, any monies due by that person to the Ministry or to any other Government Department.

Miscellaneous

10.—(1) There shall be no contract or obligation on the part of the Ministry to make any payment under this Scheme and all such payments shall be at the Ministry's absolute discretion.

(2) An application for subsidy under this Scheme shall imply acceptance of the conditions of this Scheme.

H. W. West,
Minister of Agriculture.

I approve the foregoing Scheme.

Terence O'Neill,
Minister of Finance.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme provides for the making of subsidy payments at the minimum rate of £6 per head to farmers in respect of certain breeding cows and in-calf heifers owned by them and in respect of which the conditions of the Scheme have been complied with.