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AGRICULTURE

Fertiliser Subsidy—Supplement

SCHEME, DATED THE 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1971 MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954 AS AMENDED BY THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1957.

The Minister of Agriculture by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by 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**) and of every other power enabling him in that behalf and with the approval of the Minister of Finance hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Short title and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Fertiliser Subsidy (Supplement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1971 and shall come into operation on the 15th February 1971.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme:—

"Fertiliser Subsidy" means a contribution paid under a Scheme made under Sections 1 and 4 of the Agriculture (Fertilisers) Act 1952(**c**).

"Delivered" means, when the fertiliser has been purchased by an occupier of agricultural land, delivered to his farm, holding or premises.

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3. (1) For the purpose of assisting farmers to maintain and increase the production of grass or any other crop and subject to subsection (2) below the Ministry of Agriculture may pay an additional grant to any person who applies for and is paid a fertiliser subsidy in respect of fertilisers containing Nitrogen (N) delivered to him on or after 15th February 1971.

(2) A grant under this Scheme shall be paid only on fertilisers in respect of which a fertiliser subsidy is paid.

(3) The amount of any grant payable under this Scheme in respect of the purchase of any fertilisers shall be 3p for each 1 per cent. per ton (and proportionately for each 0·1 per cent.) by weight of nitrogen (N).

Repayment of Supplement

4. A grant paid under this Scheme shall be repaid to the Ministry if the fertiliser in respect of which it is paid is not applied or used in accordance with the application for fertiliser subsidy relating thereto.

Phelim R. H. O'Neill,
Minister of Agriculture.

(a) 1954, c. 31. (b) 1957, c. 3. (c) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2, c. 15.

I approve of the foregoing Scheme.

H. V. Kirk,
Minister of Finance.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme enables the Ministry of Agriculture to pay a supplement to the fertiliser subsidy, paid in respect of fertilisers delivered to purchasers during the period beginning with 15th February 1971.