EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Agriculture (Fertilisers) Act, 1952, provides that schemes may be made for the payment of contributions in respect of fertilisers applied to agricultural land. This scheme made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for Scotland, with the approval of the Treasury, relates to England, Wales and Scotland and provides for the payment of contributions in respect of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilisers to occupiers of agricultural land. The fertilisers have to be delivered during the period beginning on 1st July, 1952, and ending on 30th June, 1954, and there is provision for the payment of contributions to associations of farmers, allotment holders and other similar bodies who buy fertilisers in bulk for re-distribution to their members. The scheme also contains consequential provisions about the time within which, and the manner in which, applications may be made and prescribes the minimum quantity of fertilisers for which contributions will be payable.

1952 No. 1274

The Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1952

Made - - - - 1*st July*, 1952

In pursuance of Section 1 (1) of the Agriculture (Fertilisers) Act, 1952(a), the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries being the appropriate Minister for a scheme for Northern Ireland with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following scheme:—

1. This scheme, which may be cited as the Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1952, shall apply to Northern Ireland.

2.—(1) In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

" the Act " means the Agriculture (Fertilisers) Act, 1952 ;

" agricultural land " means any land used as arable meadow or pasture ground, or for the purpose of poultry farming, market gardens, nursery grounds, orchards or allotments ;

" distributor " means a person carrying on in Northern Ireland, whether in conjunction with the business of a manufacturer or importer of fertilisers or not, the business of selling to occupiers of agricultural land fertilisers which he has neither manufactured nor imported ;

" importer " means a person who carries on in Northern Ireland the business of importing fertilisers into that country for the purpose of resale and " imports " and " imported " shall be construed accordingly ;

" the Minister " means the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries ;

" occupier of agricultural land " includes an association of farmers, allotment holders or small holders or other similar association which acquires fertilisers in bulk for redistribution to its members.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b) as applied by the Interpretation Act, 1921(c) shall apply to the interpretation of this scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 15. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) 12 Geo. 5. c. 4. (N.I.)

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this scheme, where any person manufactures in or imports into Northern Ireland any of the fertilisers specified in the schedule to this scheme being fertilisers manufactured or imported by him for use for adding to agricultural land in Northern Ireland to improve the fertility of the soil, the Minister may make to that manufacturer or importer in respect of any such manufactured or imported fertiliser sold by him to any occupier of agricultural land or distributor in Northern Ireland a contribution calculated at the rate specified for that fertiliser in the schedule.

(2) For the purpose of securing so far as is practicable that contributions shall be made under this paragraph only in respect of fertilisers delivered to occupiers of agricultural land during the period beginning on the 1st July, 1952 and ending on the 30th June, 1954, no contribution shall be made under this paragraph to any manufacturer or importer in respect of any fertiliser delivered by him to a purchaser unless, if the purchaser is an occupier of agricultural land, the fertiliser was delivered to him during the aforesaid period, or if the purchaser is a distributor, it was delivered to him during that period and in respect of any such delivery to him after the 31st May, 1954, the manufacturer or importer satisfies the Minister that the distributor delivered the fertiliser not later than 30th June, 1954, to an occupier of agricultural land.

4. Subject to the provisions of this scheme, where a distributor has on 1st July, 1952, in his possession in Northern Ireland for the purposes of sale any of the fertilisers specified in the schedule to this scheme, and has before 31st July, 1952, supplied to the Minister such particulars thereof as he may require, the Minister may make to that distributor in respect of any fertiliser so held which is sold and delivered in Northern Ireland during the period beginning on 1st July, 1952 and ending on 30th June, 1954, to an occupier of agricultural land a contribution calculated at the rate specified for that fertiliser in the schedule to this scheme—

Provided that no contribution shall be made under this paragraph in respect of any fertiliser which by reason of being delivered by the manufacturer or importer to the distributor on 1st July aforesaid qualifies for a contribution under the preceding paragraph.

5. Any person who desires to apply for a contribution to be paid in accordance with the provisions of this scheme shall apply to the Minister—

(*a*) in writing in such form as the Minister may from time to time require, and

(*b*) not later than the last day of the month succeeding that in which the fertilisers were delivered by him to the purchaser thereof or within such further time as the Minister may in special circumstances allow.

6. The Minister may require an applicant for a contribution to produce any accounts, invoices, receipts or other documents and to give all information required by the Minister for the purpose of verifying the application.

7. No contribution shall be made in respect of any fertiliser to which this scheme applies where the fertiliser is in packages containing fifty-six pounds weight or less of that fertiliser.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this first day of July, 1952.

(L.S.) *Tom Dugdale.*

Approved
this first day of July, 1952.

Dennis Vosper,

Hendrie D. Oakshott,

Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

SCHEDULE

Where the reference in this schedule to any fertiliser is made by a name specified in the Fourth Schedule to the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1926(a), the reference shall be construed as meaning the fertiliser defined under that name in that schedule.

FERTILISER	*RATE OF CONTRIBUTION*
	per ton
	£ s. d.
Sulphate of ammonia	3 3 0
"*Nitro-Chalk*"	2 7 0
Superphosphate	4 17 0
	provided that this amount shall be increased or decreased by 5s. 6d. for each 1 per centum thereof by which the phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) is above or below 18 per centum by weight as the case may be.
	£ s. d.
Triple superphosphate	13 0 0
	less 5s. 6d. for each 1 per centum or part thereof by which the phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) is below 48 per centum by weight.
	£ s. d.
Ground rock phosphate	5 0 0
	less 3s. 6d. for each 1 per centum or part thereof by which the phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) is below 29 per centum by weight.
Basic slag containing phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) of not less than	£ s. d.
14 per centum by weight	3 5 0
15 per centum by weight	3 7 0
16 per centum by weight	3 10 0
17 per centum by weight and above ...	3 13 6
	plus 4s. 0d. for each 1 per centum by weight by which the phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) exceeds 17 per centum by weight.

(a) 16 & 17 Geo. 5. c. 45.

FERTILISER	*RATE OF CONTRIBUTION* per ton £ s. d.
Semsol:	
Containing 9 per centum soluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) and 12·75 per centum insoluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5)	4 12 0
Containing 9 per centum soluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) and 14·5 per centum insoluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5)	4 18 0
Any compound fertiliser except one in which the nitrogenous and the phosphatic ingredients are wholly derived from organic material:	
For each 1 percentum or part thereof pro rata by weight of nitrogen (N)	3 0
For each 1 per centum or part thereof pro rata by weight of soluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5)	6 6
For each 1 per centum or part thereof pro rata by weight of insoluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5)	4 0
Provided that no contribution made in respect of any compound fertiliser shall exceed one-third of the price of the fertiliser delivered at that railway station which is nearest to the buyer's address.	
Any other inorganic or synthetic nitrogenous fertiliser:	
For each 1 per centum or part thereof pro rata by weight of nitrogen (N)	3 0
Any other inorganic phosphatic fertiliser:	
For each 1 per centum or part thereof pro rata by weight of soluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5)	5 6
For each 1 per centum or part thereof pro rata by weight of insoluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5)	3 0

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Agriculture (Fertilisers) Act, 1952, provides that schemes may be made for the payment of contributions towards the cost of fertilisers used for improving the fertility of the soil. This scheme made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, with the approval of the Treasury, applies to Northern Ireland and provides for the payment of contributions to the manufacturers in and importers into that country of fertilisers to which the scheme applies. Contributions may also be paid to distributors in respect of stocks held by them on 1st July, 1952. It limits, so far as is practicable, contributions to fertilisers which are delivered to occupiers of agricultural land or to associations of farmers and similar bodies during the period beginning on 1st July, 1952 and ending on 30th June, 1954.