1956 No. 1036

The Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1956

Made - - - - *4th July*, 1956

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, being the appropriate Minister within the meaning of paragraph (*a*) of subsection (2) of section 6 of the Agriculture (Fertilisers) Act, 1952(**a**) in relation to a separate scheme for Northern Ireland, in pursuance of section 1 of the said Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following scheme, of which a draft has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:—

1. This scheme, which may be cited as the Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1956, shall apply to Northern Ireland.

2.—(1) In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:—

"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;

"association" means—

(*a*) an association of farmers, allotment holders, or smallholders, or of occupiers of any land wholly or mainly cultivated for the production of vegetables or fruit, being an association which is registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1893-1928, or which has written rules governing its constitution and management;

(*b*) an approved association for the purposes of the Agricultural Lime Schemes, 1947 to 1955(**b**);

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

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

3. Subject to the provisions of this scheme, where any fertiliser specified in the schedule to this scheme was purchased for use for adding to agricultural land in Northern Ireland to improve the fertility of the soil—

(*a*) by an occupier of such land, or

(*b*) by an association which acquires fertilisers in bulk for redistribution to its members,

and was delivered to the purchaser during the period beginning on 1st July, 1956, and ending on 30th June, 1957, the Minister may make a contribution to the purchaser calculated at the appropriate rate specified for that fertiliser in the schedule to this scheme—

(**a**) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 15.
(**b**) S.R. & O. 1947/1829 (Rev. I, p. 127: 1947 I, p. 10); S.I. 1951/513, 1953/597, 1955/473 (1951 I, p. 9; 1953 I, p. 16; 1955 I, p. 63).
(**c**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Provided that no contribution shall be made if the fertiliser, although delivered during the said period, appears to the Minister to be fertiliser in respect of which payment has been or will be made to any other person under the Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1955(a), except in so far as such payment was or will be less than the contribution payable under this scheme.

4. Any person or association 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*) within one month of the delivery of the fertiliser, or within such further time as the Minister may allow.

5.—(1) No contribution shall be made in respect of any of the fertilisers specified in the schedule to this scheme unless the total quantity of all the kinds of fertiliser to which the application relates is not less than 4 cwt.

(2) If any contribution is payable under any enactment other than the Agriculture (Fertilisers) Act, 1952, in respect of fertilisers specified in the schedule to this scheme, the Minister in determining the amount of contribution payable under this scheme may take into consideration the amount of contribution paid or payable under the other enactment, and may reduce the amount payable under this scheme accordingly.

6. The Minister may require an applicant for a contribution under this scheme to give any person authorised by the Minister in that behalf reasonable facilities for the inspection of any fertilisers to which the application relates, and 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 and in particular any information required to satisfy him that the fertiliser to which the application relates is not fertiliser in respect of which payment has at any time been made under any other scheme out of moneys provided by Parliament under the Agriculture (Fertilisers) Act, 1952.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this second day of July, 1956.

(L.S.) *D. Heathcoat Amory,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Approved this fourth day of July, 1956.

Martin Redmayne,
Gerald Wills,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

(a) S.I. 1955/995 (1955 I, p. 68).

SCHEDULE

Where the reference in this schedule to any fertiliser is made by a name mentioned in the first column of the Fourth Schedule to the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1926(a), as varied by the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1955(b), 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	6 15 0
" Nitro-Chalk "	5 0 0
Superphosphate	6 15 0
	(provided that this amount shall be increased or decreased by 7s. 6d. for each 1 per centum by weight (and proportionately for any fraction thereof) by which the water-soluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) content is above or below 18 per centum by weight of the fertiliser).
	£ s. d.
Triple Superphosphate	17 12 6
	(provided that this amount shall be increased or decreased by 7s. 6d. for each 1 per centum by weight (and proportionately for any fraction thereof) by which the water-soluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) content is above or below 47 per centum by weight of the fertiliser).
	£ s. d.
Ground Rock Phosphate	5 16 0
	(provided that this amount shall be increased or decreased by 4s. 0d. for each 1 per centum by weight (and proportionately for any fraction thereof) by which the phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) content is above or below 29 per centum by weight of the fertiliser).
Basic Slag containing phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) of not less than:	£ s. d.
14 per centum by weight	4 5 6
15 per centum by weight	4 8 0
16 per centum by weight	4 12 6
17 per centum by weight	4 17 6
	(plus 5s. 6d. for each 1 per centum by weight by which the phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) content exceeds 17 per centum by weight of the fertiliser).

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

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955/202.

Fertiliser	*Rate of Contribution* per ton £ s. d.
Semsol containing 9 per centum water-soluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) and 14·5 per centum insoluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5)	6 5 6
Any compound fertiliser except one in which the nitrogenous and the phosphatic ingredients are wholly derived from organic material:	
For each 1 per centum by weight of nitrogen (N) and proportionately for any fraction thereof	6 6
For each 1 per centum by weight of water-soluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) and proportionately for any fraction thereof	7 6
For each 1 per centum by weight of insoluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) and proportionately for any fraction thereof	4 6
Other inorganic or synthetic fertilisers containing nitrogen (N) and/or phosphoric acid (P_2O_5):	
For each 1 per centum by weight of nitrogen (N) and proportionately for any fraction thereof	6 6
For each 1 per centum by weight of water-soluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) and proportionately for any fraction thereof	7 6
For each 1 per centum by weight of insoluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) and proportionately for any fraction thereof	4 0

Provided that no contribution made in respect of any fertiliser shall exceed one-half of the cost of the fertiliser when delivered to the premises of occupiers of agricultural land in Northern Ireland (excluding any charge for credit or spreading and less any rebate or discount).

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, Fisheries and Food with the approval of the Treasury, applies to Northern Ireland. It provides for contributions to be paid to occupiers of agricultural land in respect of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilisers delivered during the period beginning on 1st July, 1956, and ending on 30th June, 1957.

This scheme succeeds the Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1955, which provides for the payment of contributions to importers and manufacturers on all fertilisers specified in the Schedule to that Scheme, and which relates to the year ending on 30th June, 1956.