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## AGRICULTURE

### The Herbage Seed (Improvement) Scheme

SCHEME, DATED 29TH NOVEMBER, 1965, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE 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 with the approval of the Minister of Finance, and in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Acts (Northern Ireland) 1954 and 1957(a) and of all other powers him thereunto enabling, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

*Short title and commencement*

**1.**—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Herbage Seed (Improvement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1965.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on the 2nd day of December, 1965.

*Interpretation*

**2.** In this Scheme—

"approved" means approved in writing by the Ministry.

"the Board" means the Herbage Seed Marketing Board for Northern Ireland.

*Purpose of grants*

**3.** Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the Ministry may make to the Board grants towards expenditure reasonably incurred by the Board in the carrying out of approved proposals for the purposes specified in the next paragraph.

*Proposals eligible for grants*

**4.**—(1) Grants under the preceding paragraph may be made in respect of approved proposals designed to increase efficiency in the production, processing, handling, storing, transporting or marketing of herbage seed.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (1) approved proposals may relate to—

(*a*) the employment of specialist officers;

(*b*) work of a commercial nature in connection with the cleaning of herbage seed to the extent approved by the Ministry under Article 36(11)(*b*) of the Herbage Seed Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1964(**b**);

(*c*) work of an experimental, research or development nature in connection with methods of production, processing, handling, storing or transporting herbage seed;

(*d*) the survey or development of markets for herbage seed;

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(a) 1954. c. 31; 1957. c. 3. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 86.

(*e*) the organisation of or participation in shows or exhibitions with a view to promoting the sale of Northern Ireland herbage seed;

(*f*) publicity relating to the herbage seed industry of Northern Ireland.

*Conditions of making grants*

**5.** It shall be a condition of the making of a grant to the Board under this Scheme that—

(1) proposals shall be submitted in writing to the Ministry by the Board;

(2) no modification of the approved proposals has been carried out except with prior approval of the Ministry; and

(3) the approved proposals have been carried out to the satisfaction of the Ministry.

*Amount of grants*

**6.**—(1) The amount or the rate of grant payable in respect of any approved proposal shall be such amount or rate as the Ministry shall specify in the letter of approval to the Board.

(2) Where an approved proposal is completed only in part the Ministry may, if satisfied that the purpose of the proposal has been achieved to an extent which it considers reasonable, make a grant to the Board of an amount appropriate to the extent to which the proposal has been carried out.

(3) The aggregate of grants made to the Board under this Scheme shall not exceed £50,000.

(4) The Ministry may reduce or withhold any grant under this Scheme in any case where assistance for the same purpose is given under any other Act of Parliament.

(5) No grant under the Scheme shall be made by the Ministry after the 31st March, 1968.

Dated the 29th day of November, 1965.

*H. W. West,*
Minister of Agriculture
for Northern Ireland.

I approve of the foregoing Scheme.

Dated the 1st day of December, 1965.

*H. V. Kirk,*
Minister of Finance
for Northern Ireland.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme provides for payments of grants to the Herbage Seed Marketing Board for Northern Ireland in respect of proposals designed to increase the efficiency of the herbage seed industry and approved by the Ministry. Grants are limited to a total of £50,000.