STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1975 No. 2130

AGRICULTURE
HILL LANDS

The Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) (Revocation) Scheme 1975

Made - - - -	*9th December* 1975
Laid before Parliament	*23rd December* 1975
Coming into Operation	*1st January* 1976

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 13, 15 and 17 of the Hill Farming Act 1946(**a**), as extended by section 43 of the Agriculture Act 1967(**b**), and of all his other enabling powers, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following scheme:—

Citation, extent and commencement

1. This scheme, which may be cited as the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) (Revocation) Scheme 1975, applies to Northern Ireland, and shall come into operation on 1st January 1976.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this scheme, any reference to a term which is defined in the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1973(**c**), as amended(**d**), is a reference to that term as so defined.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**e**) applies for the interpretation of this scheme as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if this scheme and the schemes revoked by it were Acts of Parliament.

Revocation

3.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1973 and the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Scheme 1974 are hereby revoked.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) above, the revocations effected by that sub-paragraph shall not prejudice the making of any subsidy payment in accordance with the schemes revoked in respect of any cattle to which those schemes applied which formed part of a regular breeding herd on a qualifying day in any of the years 1973, 1974 and 1975.

(**a**) 1946 c. 73.
(**b**) 1967 c. 22.
(**c**) S.I. 1973/830 (1973 I. p. 2623).
(**d**) S.I. 1974/1996 (1974 III. p. 6987).
(**e**) 1889 c. 63.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 4th December 1975.

L.S.

Frederick Peart,

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

We approve,

9th December 1975.

Donald R. Coleman,
James A. Dunn,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Scheme.)

This Scheme revokes the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1973 and the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Scheme 1974 which authorised the making of subsidy payments in accordance with the terms of those schemes in respect of hill cattle comprised in regular breeding herds on a qualifying day in each of the years 1973 to 1977 inclusive. It saves, however, the Minister's authority to make subsidy payments in respect of outstanding claims in relation to the years 1973 to 1975 inclusive. Thereafter, those farmers who were eligible for hill cattle subsidy under the 1973 scheme will, with relatively few exceptions, be eligible to receive compensatory allowances payable by virtue of Directive Number 75/268/EEC of the Council of the European Economic Communities.

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