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ANIMALS

Milk Recording and Progeny Testing

SCHEME, DATED 26TH DAY OF JULY 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Citation and Commencement

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Milk Recording and Progeny Testing (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1968.

(2) This Scheme shall be construed as one with the Milk Recording and Progeny Testing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1964(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Scheme").

(3) This Scheme shall come into operation on the 1st October 1968 and shall apply to lactations commencing on or after 1st May 1967.

Amendment of the Principal Scheme

2.—(1) For paragraph 2 of Article 9 of the Principal Scheme there shall be substituted a new paragraph as follows:—

"(2) The standard lactation period recognised by the Ministry for the purpose of recording under the Scheme shall be 305 days and a lactation shall be regarded as complete on commencement of once a day milking.".

(2) For paragraph 4 of Part I of the Schedule of the Principal Scheme there shall be substituted a new paragraph as follows:—

"(4) Save as otherwise approved, record once weekly for each lactation the milk production of each cow in the herd irrespective of breed or type and commence such recording on the first day on which a weighing or measurement is taken after each calving, provided that no weighing or measurement shall be recorded during the first four days after calving.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 26th day of July 1968, in the presence of

(L.S.) *A. E. W. Steen,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 30th day of July 1968, in the presence of

(L.S.) *James Reid,*
Assistant Secretary.

(**a**) 1949, c. 2. (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 33.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme amends the Principal Scheme by reducing the duration of the standard lactation from 315 days to 305 days and stipulates that the lactation will be considered as completed on the start of once a day milking. It also removes the need to weigh the milk during the first four days following calving should the weekly weighing day fall within that period.