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AGRICULTURE

Orchard Planting

SCHEME, DATED 9TH OCTOBER 1969, 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 on 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 Orchard Planting Grants (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1969.

(2) The Orchard Planting Grants Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) (herein referred to as "the Principal Scheme") and this Scheme, may be cited together as the Orchard Planting Grants Schemes (Northern Ireland) 1967 to 1969.

(3) This Scheme shall come into operation on 9th October 1969.

Amendment of the Principal Scheme

2. Article 2 of the Principal Scheme shall be amended as follows:—
After the words "the root stock on which it is grafted" there shall be inserted "or budded".

3. Article 4 of the Principal Scheme shall be amended as follows:—
Delete the words "less than 40 years of age and" and substitute the word "well".

4. For Paragraph 5(*b*) of Article 5 of the Principal Scheme there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

> "Each proposal is in respect of the planting of such acreage with the approved type and variety of tree as will, when combined with the established orchard referred to in Article 4, make a total acreage of not less than ten acres of orchard, with a reasonable expectancy of future economic production, held by the applicant as owner or tenant for a term which has an unexpired residue of not less than ten years from the date of application, provided that no proposals shall be approved which is in respect of the planting of less than three acres."

(a) 1954. c. 31; 1957. c. 3.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 285.

Dated this 9th day of October nineteen hundred and sixty-nine.

Phelim O'Neill,
Minister of Agriculture for
Northern Ireland.

I approve the foregoing Scheme dated this 9th day of October 1969.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Scheme—

(*a*) amends the provisions of the Orchard Planting Grants Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1967 (S.R. & O. (N.I.) No. 285 of 1967) that only orchards less than 40 years of age will qualify as a condition of eligibility for grant; and stipulates

(*b*) that the planting proposals must result in not less than 10 acres of economic productive orchard.

The Scheme also widens the interpretation of the type of tree which may be approved.