1987 No. 235

AGRICULTURE

Pigs (Carcase Classification Scheme) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987

Made	*27th May 1987*
Coming into operation . .	*6th July 1987*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 2(1), (2) and (3) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with such persons or the representatives of such persons as is required by the said Article and with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**b**) as to fees, hereby makes the following order:

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Pigs (Carcase Classification Scheme) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 6th July 1987.

Amendment of the Pigs (Carcase Classification Scheme) Order (Northern Ireland) 1980

2. The Pigs (Carcase Classification Scheme) Order (Northern Ireland) 1980(**c**) shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) for Article 4 there shall be substituted:

"*Fees*

4. There shall be payable on demand to the Department in respect of the marking of carcases a fee of 30p per pig in respect of the first 1,750 pigs marked per week and 20p per pig thereafter by the person who manages the slaughterhouse in which the pigs are slaughtered."; and

(*b*) for Article 12 of the Schedule there shall be substituted:

"**12.** *Length*

(1) The length of a carcase may be measured and recorded to the nearest whole centimetre below its actual measurement.

(2) Where the length of a carcase is measured, that measurement shall be taken from the indentation of the first rib to the anterior edge of the aitch bone.".

(**a**) S.I. 1975/1038 (N.I. 8)
(**b**) Formerly the Department of Finance. *See* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3
(**c**) S.R. 1980 No. 58; the relevant amending order is S.R. 1984 No. 157

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 27th May 1987.

(L.S.) *I. C. Henderson*
Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby approves the foregoing order as to fees.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 27th May 1987.

(L.S.) *D. W. Alexander*
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order amends the Pigs (Carcase Classification Scheme) Order (Northern Ireland) 1980 by:

(*a*) reducing the fees payable in respect of the marking of carcases from 35p for the first 1,750 pigs slaughtered per week at each slaughterhouse and 23p per pig thereafter, to 30p per pig for the first 1,750 pigs and 20p for each additional pig; and

(*b*) providing for measurement and recording of carcase length to be optional instead of compulsory.