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AGRICULTURE

Poultry

SCHEME, DATED 11TH FEBRUARY 1971, 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(**a**) and 1957(**b**) and of all other powers him thereunto enabling hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Poultry (Feed Price Allowance) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1971 and shall come into operation on the 15th day of February 1971.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme:—

"Chickens" means birds killed before maturity and before they are used for breeding purposes;

"feed price allowance" means the amount paid to a poultry packer under Article 3;

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture;

"poultry packer" means the holder of a Class A wholesale dealer's licence or a Class B licence issued under the Marketing of Poultry Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(**c**);

"throughput" means in relation to a poultry packer the total liveweight of chickens which have been purchased by him from producers.

Object

3. With the object of assisting farmers to meet the cost of poultry feed the Ministry may subject to the provisions of this Scheme pay to a poultry packer in respect of his throughput the sum of 0·056p for each 1 lb liveweight of throughput for the benefit of the producers thereof as provided by this Scheme.

Application for payment

4. Application for payment of feed price allowance shall be made by a poultry packer to the Ministry at such intervals and in such form and giving such information as the Ministry may require.

(a) 1954. c. 31.
(b) 1957. c. 3.
(c) 1949. c. 14.

Payment of producers

5. A poultry packer shall:—

(1) pay to the producer of any chickens in respect of which he receives a feed price allowance the full amount of the feed price allowance received by him in respect of those chickens. The payment shall be made not later than when he pays the producer for the poultry or four weeks from the date on which he makes application to the Ministry for the feed price allowance whichever shall first occur;

(2) show separately by prominently displaying the words "Feed Price Allowance" on the payment advice notes supplied to the producer from whom he purchases any chickens the amount of feed price allowance received by him in respect of those chickens.

Records

6. A poultry packer shall:—

(1) keep a record showing in respect of each day the name and address of every producer from whom he purchased chickens and the number and liveweight of chickens purchased from each producer;

(2) retain a copy of the payment advice note issued to each producer in respect of the feed price allowance.

7.—(1) The records required to be kept under Article 6 shall be kept for a period of at least two years from the making of the record.

(2) A poultry packer who applies for payment of the feed price allowance shall furnish such records or any particulars or extracts therefrom to the Ministry on demand and shall permit any officer of the Ministry to enter his premises and inspect such records and shall produce such records for inspection by such officer. An officer of the Ministry shall be entitled to make copies of any entries therein.

Dated this 11th day of February 1971.

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

I approve the foregoing Scheme.

Dated this 11th day of February 1971.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Scheme provides for payments to the poultry producers of Northern Ireland to assist them towards meeting the cost of poultry feed.