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POULTRY

Progeny Test

SCHEME, DATED 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1962, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949(**a**).

The Ministry of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section nine of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and Commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Poultry Progeny Testing (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1962, and shall come into operation on the 4th day of September, 1962.

Amendment to the Principal Scheme

2. The Poultry Progeny Testing (Temporary Provisions) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1961(**b**), shall be amended as follows:

Article 10 thereof shall be replaced by the following Article:

"*Awards*

10.—(1) In order to be considered for an award—

(*a*) birds shall in the opinion of the Ministry be of suitable type for breeding, and

(*b*) at the conclusion of the test not more than four birds in the pen shall have died provided that a death resulting from accident or misadventure shall not be taken into account for the purposes of this sub-paragraph.

(2) A certificate in the form set out in the Fourth Schedule shall be awarded in respect of every pen, the score of which, calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Third Schedule, is not less than a hen-housed average of 80 eggs per pullet during the period of the test.

(3) In Section I the sire of a pen awarded a certificate in accordance with paragraph (2) shall retain the sealed ring affixed at the time of the selection of the pullets."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this third day of September, nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

(L.S.) *W. G. Malcolm,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme amends the Poultry Progeny Testing (Temporary Provisions) Scheme, so as to reduce the standard average number of eggs necessary for the award by certificate. This has been done so as to allow a shortened version of the tests to be held.

(**a**) 1949. c. 2. (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 46.