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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING

Seed Potatoes

ORDER, DATED 20TH AUGUST 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 2(4) OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1964.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on behalf of the Secretary of State after such consultation as is required and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 2(4) of the Agricultural Marketing Act (Northern Ireland) 1964(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Seed Potato Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1973, and except for Article 2(10) shall come into operation on 24th August 1973. Article 2(10) shall come into operation on 1st July 1974.

Amendments

2. The Seed Potato Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1961 as approved by the Seed Potato Marketing Scheme (Approval) Order (Northern Ireland) 1961(b) and as amended by the Seed Potato Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) Amendment Order 1964(c) shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) for paragraph (2) of Article 4 there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in Articles 5 and 8, members of the Board who immediately before 30th June 1974 hold office as County members, Regional members and persons co-opted under Article 8 shall on that date cease to hold office. Thereafter the Board shall consist of nine members of whom three shall be appointed members, that is to say, they shall be appointed and may be removed by the Minister and six shall be elected members, that is to say, they shall be elected by registered producers in the following manner and according to the following numbers, that is to say:

(*a*) four members who shall be known as County members, one of whom shall be elected by registered producers residing in the administrative Counties of Armagh, Fermanagh and Tyrone, and three members, one each of whom shall be elected by registered producers residing in each of the administrative Counties of Antrim, Down and Londonderry; and

(*b*) two members who shall be known as Regional members shall be elected by the general body of registered producers in Northern Ireland."

(2) For paragraph (1) of Article 5 there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

(a) 1964. c. 13 (N.I.).
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 164.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 166.

"(1) The County members elected in 1974 for the adminstrative Counties of Antrim and Down shall hold office for two years; the remaining County members and any County members subsequently elected shall hold office for four years. The Regional member who, on the occasion of the election held in 1974, polls the lesser number of votes shall hold office for two years; the remaining Regional member and any Regional members subsequently elected shall hold office for four years."

(3) In Article 5(2) for "1962" there shall be substituted "1974".

(4) In Article 8(1)(*a*):

(*a*) in the first line the words "or group of counties as the case may be" shall be inserted after the word "county";

(*b*) at the end there shall be added the words "or counties".

(5) In Article 10(2) for the word "eleven" there shall be substituted the word "seven".

(6) In Article 11(1) for the word "five" there shall be substituted the word "four".

(7) In line four of Article 26(3) after the word "county" there shall be inserted the words "or counties".

(8) In paragraphs 1(*a*) and 2(*a*) of Article 28, after the word "County" where it secondly occurs there shall be inserted the words "or group of counties as the case may be".

(9) In line two of Article 37(1) after the word "that" there shall be inserted the words "unless the Ministry otherwise approves".

(10) In lines three and four of Article 40(1) for the word "six" there shall be substituted the word "four".

(11) Paragraph (3) of Article 40 shall be deleted.

(12) For paragraph (4) of Article 40 there shall be substituted:

"(3) The Board may consult the Joint Advisory Committee as to:

(*a*) the description of seed potatoes to be sold by the Board;

(*b*) the prices at, below or above which the Board may sell seed potatoes; and

(*c*) such other matters relating to the production and marketing of seed potatoes as the Board considers expedient."

(13) Paragraph (5) of Article 40 shall be deleted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 20th day of August 1973 in the presence of

(L.S.)

A. McKelvie,
Senior Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the Seed Potato Marketing Scheme by—

(*a*) reducing the number of elected members of the Board from ten to six;

(*b*) making consequential changes in the election procedure and in membership of committees;

(*c*) permitting the Board with the approval of the Ministry to sell seed potatoes outside Northern Ireland;

(*d*) removing the requirement that disagreement at the Joint Advisory Committee on certain matters shall be referred to arbitration; and

(*e*) making it permissive instead of mandatory for the Board to consult the Joint Advisory Committee on the prices and descriptions of seed potatoes sold by the Board.