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AGRICULTURE

The Sheep Annual Premium (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made . . . . . *29th November 1991*

Coming into operation . . *1st December 1991*

The Department of Agriculture, being a Department designated(**a**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**b**) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by that section and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Sheep Annual Premium (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1991.

Interpretation

2. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**c**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of the Sheep Annual Premium Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987

3. For regulation 4(2) of the Sheep Annual Premium Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**d**) there shall be substituted—

"(2) An application for a premium in respect of a marketing year shall be delivered to the competent authority—

(*a*) from producers marketing sheep's milk or sheep's milk products on or after 1st December in the calendar year preceding the marketing year and not later than 24th December in that calendar year or, if 24th December is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, the next following working day;

(*b*) from other producers on or after 28th January in the calendar year in which the marketing year commences and not later than—

(**a**) S.I. 1972/1811

(**b**) 1972 c. 68; section 2 is subject to Schedule 2 to that Act and is to be read with S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3) and S.R. (N.I.) 1984 No. 253

(**c**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(**d**) S.R. 1987 No. 87, amended by S.R. 1989 No. 459, S.R. 1990 No. 3 and S.R. 1990 No. 444

(i) 27th February in that calendar year, or

(ii) if 27th February is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, the next following working day.''.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 29th November 1991.

(L.S.) *P. T. Toal*

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the Sheep Annual Premium Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 (''the principal Regulations''). The principal Regulations implement Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 3007/84 (O.J. No. L283, 27.10.84, p. 28) as amended by Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 3984/89 (O.J. No. L380, 29.12.89, p. 28) which lays down detailed rules for the application for payment of a sheep annual premium to sheepmeat producers.

These regulations implement Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 2814/90 (O.J. No. L268, 29.9.90, p. 35) by making provision for the submission of claims by producers marketing sheep's milk or sheep's milk products.

The principal Regulations specify that applications for premium in respect of a marketing year must reach the Department of Agriculture between the 28th January in the calendar year in which the marketing year commences and the 27th February of that calendar year.

These regulations provide for two non-consecutive application periods. The first of these periods which is open only to producers marketing sheep's milk or sheep's milk products commences on the 1st December in the calendar year preceding the marketing year and ends on the 24th December of that calendar year. The second application period which is open only to all other producers commences on the 28th January in the calendar year in which the marketing year commences and ends on the 27th February in that calendar year.