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AGRICULTURE

The Sheep Annual Premium (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990

Made	*5th January 1990*
Coming into operation . .	*5th January 1990*

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) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation on 5th January 1990.

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 on or after 15th January in the calendar year in which the marketing year commences and not later than—
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> (i) 14th February in that calendar year, or
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> (ii) 13th February in that calendar year, if a leap year, or
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> (iii) if 14th February or, in a leap year, 13th February is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, the next following working day.''.

(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

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 5th January 1990.

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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 as amended by Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 3378/85 and Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 3984/89 which lays down detailed rules for the application for payment of a sheep annual premium to sheepmeat producers. The principal Regulations specify that applications for premium in respect of a marketing year must reach the Department of Agriculture between the 1st January in the calendar year in which the marketing year commences and the 10th April of that calendar year.

These regulations provide for a shorter application period commencing on the 15th January in the calendar year in which the marketing year commences and the 14th February of that calendar year.