1974. No. 60 **[C]**

AGRICULTURE

Headage Payments—Sheep

SCHEME, DATED THE 29TH MARCH 1974, MADE BY THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT 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 Head of the Department of Agriculture with the approval of the Head of the Department of Finance and in exercise of the powers conferred upon 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:—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Sheep Headage Payments (No. 2) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1974.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on 1st April 1974.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme—

"approved deadweight certification centre" means any place for the time being approved for the certification of the carcases of livestock under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

"approved liveweight certification centre" means any place for the time being approved for the certification of livestock under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

"certified" means certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

"Department" means Department of Agriculture;

"Fatstock Guarantee Scheme" means the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme in operation in Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

"Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year" means the year as specified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme for the time being in operation;

"home-bred" means born and entirely produced in Northern Ireland;

"sheep" means clean fat sheep or carcases of such animals.

Headage payments

3. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the Department may make to or for the benefit (whether direct or indirect) of farmers producing home-bred sheep a payment in respect of each eligible home-bred animal which is properly certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme at any approved liveweight or deadweight certification centre in Northern Ireland during the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year 1974/75.

(**a**) 1954. c. 31. (**b**) 1957. c. 3.

4. Payments shall be made in respect of such animals certified during the specified periods of the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year 1974/75 at the rates set forth in the Schedule.

5. In case of doubt as to the proper certification of an animal or as to the proper person to be paid, eligibility for the headage payment shall be at the discretion of the Department.

6. There shall be no contract or obligation on the part of the Department to make any headage payment and all headage payments shall be at the Department's discretion.

7. If the Department, after having made a payment under this Scheme, finds that such payment ought not to have been made in whole or in part or that the payment was in excess of the amount propertly payable it may recover from the person to whom such payment has been made the whole or any part of the sum already paid, or may without prejudice to any other method of recovery withhold or cause to be withheld any payment which would otherwise be or become due to that person by the Department under this or any other Scheme. The Department may also recover from a payment due under this Scheme by way of deduction any monies due by the payee to the Department or any other Government Department.

Dated this 29th day of March 1974.

Leslie J. Morrell,
Head of the Department of Agriculture
for Northern Ireland.

I approve the foregoing Scheme.

Dated this 29th day of March 1974.

H. V. Kirk,
Head of the Department of Finance
for Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE

Period	*Rate of headage payment*
1st April to 12th May 1974 ..	80p
13th May to 19th May 1974 ..	65p
20th May to 26th May 1974 ..	50p
27th May to 23rd June 1974 ..	25p

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme enables the Department of Agriculture to pay headage payments in respect of home-bred sheep certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme 1974/75 for the periods and at the rates set out in the Schedule.