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AGRICULTURE

Sheep Headage Payments (No. 2) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . *9th December* 1977
Coming into operation . . . *9th January* 1978

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1 of the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**a**) as amended by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1957(**b**) and now vested in it(**c**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Department(**d**) of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Sheep Headage Payments (No. 2) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1977.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on 9th January 1978.

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 Fat Sheep Guarantee Scheme;

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

"certified" means certified under the Fat Sheep Guarantee Scheme;

"Department" means Department of Agriculture;

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

"Fat Sheep Guarantee Scheme Year" means the year as specified under the Fat Sheep 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 in its discretion 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 the Department is satisfied has been properly certified under the Fat Sheep Guarantee Scheme at any approved liveweight or deadweight certification centre in Northern Ireland during the Fat Sheep Guarantee Scheme Year 1977/78.

(**a**) 1954 c. 31 (N.I.)
(**b**) 1957 c. 3 (N.I.)
(**c**) By 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 7(1); 1974 c. 28 Sch. 1 para. 2(1) and 2
(**d**) Formerly Minister: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 7(1); 1974 c. 28 Sch. 1 para. 2(1) and (2)

4. For each animal so certified during a period of the Fat Sheep Guarantee Scheme Year mentioned in the first column of the Schedule, the payment shall be that specified for that period in the second column of the Schedule.

5. Such payment shall be made to such persons and at such times as the Department may think proper.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 9th December 1977.

(L.S.) *W. H Parker*
Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 9th December 1977.

(L.S.) *J. Murray*
Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE

Period	*Rate of Headage Payment*
9th January to 15th January 1978	£0.40
16th January to 22nd January 1978	£0.80
23rd January to 29th January 1978	£1.00
30th January to 26th March 1978	£1.30

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 Fat Sheep Guarantee Scheme 1977/78 for the period and at the rates set out in the Schedule.