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AGRICULTURE

Supplementary Payments—Cattle

SCHEME, DATED 22ND DECEMBER 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTER 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 Minister of Agriculture, with the approval of the Minister of Finance and in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Acts (Northern Ireland) 1954 and 1957(a) 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 Cattle Supplementary Payments Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1966.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on the date hereof.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme:—

“bulls” means uncastrated cattle or the carcasses of such cattle;

“certified” means certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

“deadweight certification centre” means any place for the time being approved for the certification of the carcasses of livestock under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

“differential” means the difference between the weekly average price per live cwt. of cattle certified at liveweight certification centres in certain markets in Great Britain and of cattle certified at liveweight certification centres in Northern Ireland;

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

“liveweight certification centre” means any place for the time being approved for the certification of livestock under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme.

3. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, the Ministry may make to persons producing cattle, a payment in respect of each eligible animal which is certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme at any liveweight or deadweight certification centre in Northern Ireland during the period from 1st August 1966 to 31st December 1966. The Ministry may also make a similar payment to persons producing bulls which are accepted at a deadweight certification centre in Northern Ireland in the same period as qualifying for a payment equivalent to that which may be made under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme for certified cattle.

4. Payments shall be made in respect of such animals as are described in Article 3 as follows:—

(1) in the case of cattle certified at liveweight certification centres at the rate per live cwt. by which in any week the differential exceeds 22/6;

- (2) in the case of cattle certified at deadweight certification centres at the rate per live cwt. as calculated under paragraph (1) converted to pence per lb. deadweight (this conversion will be made on the basis that 1d. per live cwt. is equivalent to 0.0166d. per lb. deadweight);
- (3) in the case of bulls at the rate per lb. deadweight as calculated in paragraph (2).

5.—(1) Where a butcher or meat wholesaler has cattle certified by deadweight which were not produced by him the payment shall be made to the person who sold the cattle to the said butcher or meat wholesaler.

(2) Payment in all other cases of both liveweight and deadweight certification shall be made to the person in whose name the cattle were certified.

6. In the case of doubt as to the certification of an animal or the acceptance of a bull, or as to the person to be paid, eligibility for payment shall be at the discretion of the Ministry.

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

8. If the Ministry, after having made a payment under this Scheme, finds that such payment ought not to have been made in whole or in part 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 withhold or cause to be withheld any payment which would otherwise be or become due to that person by the Ministry under this or any other Scheme. The Ministry may also recover from a person producing cattle by way of deduction from a payment which might otherwise be made to him under this Scheme any monies due by that person to the Ministry or to any other Government Department.

Dated the 22nd day of December 1966.

H. W. West,

Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

I approve the foregoing Scheme.

Dated the 22nd day of December 1966.

H. V. Kirk,

Minister of Finance for Northern Ireland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order enables the Ministry of Agriculture to make payments to farmers who sold cattle in those weeks between 1st August 1966 and 31st December 1966, when the amount by which the differential between Northern Ireland prices and prices in certain markets in Great Britain exceeded 2s. 6d. per live cwt. These payments are intended to offset to some extent the low prices producers were receiving during this period.