1970. No. 294 [C]

AGRICULTURE

Glasshouses

SCHEME, DATED 18TH NOVEMBER 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 1 OF 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 on 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 Erection of Glasshouses Grants Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1970.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on 1st December 1970.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme

"the Act of 1960" means the Horticulture Act 1960(**b**) passed by the Parliament of the United Kingdom as amended by any subsequent enactment.

"approved" means approved in writing by the Ministry.

"approved proposals" means proposals which have been approved after the commencement of this Scheme by the Ministry on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in connection with an application for a grant under the Act of 1960.

"glasshouses" means fixed or mobile structures used for the production of horticultural produce for sale, which are mounted on durable foundations, are not less than 5 ft. 6 in. in height at the ridge and of which more than half the total area of the sides, ends and roof is of glass.

"horticultural produce" and "horticultural production business" have the meanings respectively assigned to them by Section 8 of the Act of 1960.

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture.

Object of the Scheme

3. The Ministry may, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme, pay to any farmer producing horticultural produce and carrying on a horticultural business in Northern Ireland who qualifies for a grant under the Act of 1960 in respect of the expenditure reasonably incurred by him in the carrying out of approved proposals for the purposes of the business for the provision of any of the facilities specified in the Schedule a further grant amounting to 11⅔% of the amount of such expenditure.

(**a**) 1954. c. 31; 1957. c. 3. (**b**) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 22.

Applications

4. Application for payment of grant under this Scheme shall be made in such form as the Ministry may require.

Duration of Scheme

5.—(1) This Scheme shall cease to have effect on the 31st day of March 1974, except in relation to applications for payment of grant received by the Ministry before that date.

(2) Without prejudice to Article 8 the Ministry may at any time before the 31st day of March 1974 and in giving such notice as it considers appropriate suspend the acceptance of applications for payment of grant under this Scheme.

6.—(1) Grant will be paid only where the glasshouses erected in accordance with approved proposals for the purposes of any one horticultural production business extend over an area of not less than one-fifth of an acre.

(2) In the case of any single horticultural business the maximum area covered by glasshouses in respect of which grant will be payable under this Scheme will be half an acre and where proposals are approved in respect of an area of glasshouse extending over an area of more than half an acre the amount of grant payable under this Scheme will be calculated on so much of the total cost of the approved proposals which bears to the total cost thereof the same proportion which half an acre bears to the total area covered by glasshouses erected in accordance with the approved proposals.

Recovery of monies

7. If the Ministry, having made a payment under this Scheme, finds that for any reason whatsoever such payment ought not to have been made in whole or in part it shall be entitled to recover from the person to whom such payment was made so much of the said sum as ought not to have been so paid, and without prejudice to any other method of recovery shall be entitled to deduct any sum which it is entitled to recover under this Article from any further sums which may otherwise be payable to that person by the Ministry under this Scheme.

General

8. The Ministry shall be under no obligation to pay grant to any person under this Scheme and all such payment shall be made at the Ministry's absolute discretion.

Dated this 18th day of November 1970.

Phelim O'Neill,
Minister of Agriculture for
Northern Ireland.

I approve the foregoing Scheme dated this 18th day of November 1970.

H. V. Kirk,
Minister of Finance for
Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE

Facilities eligible for grant

1. Erection of glasshouses and the supply for the equipping thereof and the installation therein of the following kinds of new plant and equipment; plant and equipment for the control of environment in glasshouses, including ventilation equipment, irradiation equipment, daylight control equipment, mist-spray equipment, irrigation equipment, equipment for changing or controlling the composition or humidity of the atmosphere, automatic glasshouse shading equipment, instruments for the measurement, recording and control of environment.

2. Works for the supply and installation of systems for the production and distribution of heat in glasshouses referred to in paragraph 1 above.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme provides for the payment of a supplementary grant to encourage the erection of glasshouses and the supply and installation of certain ancillary equipment. The Scheme lays down that grant is only payable for certain works which qualify for grant of one-third under the Scheme made under the provisions of Section 1, 2 and 6 of the Horticulture Act 1960 as amended by subsequent legislation. The Scheme also lays down as a condition for the payment of grant that applicants must erect at least one-fifth of an acre of glasshouse and grant is limited to the erection of half an acre in the case of any single horticultural business.