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AGRICULTURE

Marketing of Eggs

SCHEME, DATED 25TH MARCH 1971, 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 on 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:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Marketing of Eggs (Sea Transport Subvention) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1971 and shall come into operation on the 28th day of March 1971.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme—

"average cost" means the total sea transport cost of all eggs shipped to Great Britain for the shell egg market divided by the total number of cases shipped.

"case" means a case containing 30 dozen eggs.

"eggs" means eggs in shell of first quality laid by hens in Northern Ireland.

"egg packer" means the holder of a Class A wholesale dealer's licence issued under the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland) 1957(**c**).

the expression "first quality" as applied to eggs has the meaning assigned to it in Rule 20(2)(*a*) of the Marketing of Eggs Rules (Northern Ireland) 1966(**d**).

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture.

"sea transport subvention" means the payment made to an egg packer under Article 3.

Object

3. The Ministry may subject to the provisions of this Scheme pay to an egg packer such sum per case transported by him from Northern Ireland to Great Britain as the Ministry may from time to time determine.

Rate of payment

4.—(1) The amount of the sea transport subvention to be paid to each packer as provided under Article 3 shall be calculated at such rate as the Ministry may determine by reference to the estimated average cost of transporting one case by sea routes approved by the Ministry from Northern Ireland to Great Britain during such period as the Ministry may determine.

(**a**) 1954. c. 31.
(**b**) 1957. c. 3.
(**c**) 1957. c. 27.
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 150.

(2) Before determining the rate of the sea transport subvention for the purposes of Article 3 and the period referred to in Article 4(1) the Ministry shall consult with such persons or bodies appearing to it to be substantially representative of interests concerned as it thinks fit.

Application for payment

5. An egg packer who transports eggs to Great Britain for the shell egg market shall make application to the Ministry for payment of the sea transport subvention at intervals of one calendar week in such form and giving such information as the Ministry may require.

Records

6. An egg packer shall:—

(1) keep a record showing in respect of each calendar week the total number of cases of eggs shipped by him by each sea route between Northern Ireland and Great Britain and the rate per case paid by him for the transport of such eggs by each route and the name and address of the person or persons to whom such eggs were shipped.

(2) retain statements of account and receipts in respect of expenditure incurred by him in transporting such eggs.

7.—(1) The records, statements of account and receipts required to be kept under Article 6 shall be kept for a period of at least two years from the date of shipment to which the record, statements of account or receipts applies.

(2) An egg packer who applies for payment of the sea transport subvention shall furnish the foregoing records, statements of account and receipts or any particulars or extracts therefrom to the Ministry on demand and shall permit any officer of the Ministry to enter his premises and inspect such records, statements of account and receipts and shall produce them for inspection by such officer and any officer of the Ministry shall be entitled to make copies of any entries therein.

Dated this 25th day of March 1971.

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

I approve the foregoing Scheme.

Dated this 26th day of March 1971.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme enables the Ministry to make payments to the egg packers of Northern Ireland to assist them in meeting the cost of transporting eggs by sea from Northern Ireland to Great Britain for marketing there.

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These Orders have been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland) 1958. Summaries are given in the List of Statutory Rules and Orders of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.