LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

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The Calf Subsidies (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1952

Made - - - - 18th December, 1952

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, being the appropriate Minister in relation to a joint scheme for England and Wales and Northern Ireland, in pursuance of Section 1 (1) of the Agriculture (Calf Subsidies) Act, 1952(a) and of all other powers him enabling, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following scheme, a draft of which has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

1. This scheme, which may be cited as the Calf Subsidies (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1952, shall apply to England and Wales and Northern Ireland.

2.—(1) In England and Wales the Interpretation Act, 1889(b), and in Northern Ireland that Act as applied by the Interpretation Act, 1921(c), shall apply to the interpretation of this scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) For the purposes of this scheme the limit of age at which an animal ceases to be a calf shall be the age when it cuts its first permanent incisor tooth:

Provided that for the period of twelve months from the date of the making of this scheme an animal which otherwise satisfies the requirements of this scheme shall, notwithstanding that it has cut its first permanent incisor tooth, not cease to be a calf until the age attained by it at the termination of the aforesaid period of twelve months.

3. Subject to the provisions of this scheme, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries may pay a subsidy of £5 to the person who is the owner of a calf to which this scheme applies at the time when the calf is certified to be a calf of the description specified in this scheme.

4. The description of calf specified in this scheme is any steer or heifer calf, except a heifer calf of the Jersey, Guernsey, Friesian or Ayrshire breeds, which has been reasonably well reared and is suitable for further rearing for beef production or if a heifer calf for use for breeding for beef production, being in either case an animal which after further rearing and fattening would be likely after slaughter to yield a carcase of reasonably good quality beef.

5. A calf to which this scheme applies is a calf which—

(*a*) was born in the United Kingdom within the period beginning with 1st October, 1951, and ending with 29th October, 1955, and

(*b*) has been certified by a person appointed for that purpose in England and Wales by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and in Northern Ireland by the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, to be of the description specified in the preceding paragraph, and

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 62. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) 12 Geo. 5. c. 4 (N.I.).

(*c*) was, at the time of certification, not less than 8 months old but had not attained the age at which it ceases to be a calf for the purposes of this scheme:

Provided that in the case of a calf born in the spring in a hill area where there is inadequate winter feed on the farm so that the calf must be sold in the following autumn, the minimum age at the time of certification shall be 6 months.

6. No payment shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this scheme in respect of any calf, unless the person certifying it to be of the description specified in this scheme has marked it as having been so certified by a mark punched by him in its right ear:

Provided that no calf shall be marked in this manner unless the said person is satisfied that it has not previously been marked for the purposes of a scheme under the Agriculture (Calf Subsidies) Act, 1952.

7. It shall be a condition of the payment of a subsidy under this scheme that any person who desires to be paid in accordance with the provisions of this scheme—

(*a*) shall apply in writing in such form and at such time as in England and Wales the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and in Northern Ireland the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland may from time to time require;

(*b*) shall collect and properly secure the calves at a convenient place for the purposes of examination and marking, and shall assist the person appointed for those purposes.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this twelfth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

(L.S.)

Tom Dugdale,
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Approved this eighteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

Herbert Butcher,
T. G. D. Galbraith,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Agriculture (Calf Subsidies) Act, 1952, provides that schemes may make provision for the payment of subsidies in respect of calves. This scheme made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries applies to England and Wales and Northern Ireland and makes provision for the payment of a subsidy of £5 a calf in respect of any calf, except a heifer calf of the Jersey, Guernsey, Friesian and Ayrshire breeds, which is reasonably well reared and likely to provide reasonably good quality beef. It defines the age of the calves to which it applies and contains provisions for the examination of calves in respect of which application for payment has been made, and for the certifying of such calves as calves of a description to which the scheme applies. It also contains provisions about the person to whom the subsidy may be paid and the time and manner of application for payment.