1953 No. 1163

The White Fish Industry (Grants for Fishing Vessels and Engines) Scheme, 1953

Made - - - - 14*th July*, 1953
Coming into Operation 11*th August*, 1953

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Minister of Food, with the approval of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 1 of the White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1953(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with the White Fish Authority, hereby make the following scheme:—

Citation, Extent and Commencement

1. This scheme, which may be cited as the White Fish Industry (Grants for Fishing Vessels and Engines) Scheme, 1953, shall apply to Great Britain and shall come into operation fourteen days after it has been approved by both Houses of Parliament.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

"the Act" means the White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1953;

"the Authority" means the White Fish Authority;

"inshore, near and middle waters" means waters within the following limits, namely: 63 degrees north latitude, 17 degrees west longitude and 43 degrees north latitude;

"length", in relation to a vessel, means its length as calculated for the purposes of registration under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894(b);

"white fish" means fish of any kind found in the sea except herring, salmon and migratory trout;

"working owner" means a person who, being the owner or one of the owners of a vessel, regularly goes to sea in it when it is used for the purpose of fishing.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), shall apply to the interpretation of this scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Applications for Grants

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this scheme, a person engaged or proposing to become engaged in the white fish industry in Great Britain by carrying on the business of operating one or more vessels registered in Great Britain (of whatever size and in whatever way propelled) for the catching or landing of white fish may apply to the Authority for a grant in respect of expenditure incurred—

(*a*) in the acquisition of a new fishing vessel not exceeding 140 feet in length, including equipment required for the sailing of the vessel which is sold with the vessel;

(*b*) (if the applicant satisfies the Authority that he is or is to be a working owner of the vessel) in the acquisition of a new engine for a fishing vessel not exceeding 140 feet in length, including the installation of the engine in the vessel;

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 17. (b) 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

in any case where the contract for the building of the vessel or for the supply of the engine, as the case may be, was made after the 31st day of July, 1952.

(2) Applications for grants as aforesaid shall be made in writing in such form as the Authority may from time to time require, and shall be delivered to the Authority at such address as they may at any time or in any particular case direct, not later than the 31st day of January, 1963 or such later date (not being later than the 31st day of March, 1963) as the Authority may, in special circumstances, allow.

4. Applications for grants as aforesaid may be made only by British subjects resident in Great Britain or corporations incorporated by or under the law of Great Britain.

5. Applicants for grants as aforesaid shall be required to satisfy the Authority with regard to the prospect of their being able to operate a fishing vessel successfully.

6. The Authority may require applicants to make a full statement of their financial position, including their assets, debts and obligations and to make available for inspection by the Authority, or their duly authorised agents, such books of account and other records and documents as the Authority may reasonably require.

7. Where expenditure is shared by two or more persons, applications may be made in respect of either the full expenditure or part of the expenditure incurred in the acquisition of a vessel or engine and may be made by individual applicants or by two or more applicants jointly.

Amount of Grants

8.—(1) The amount which may be paid by the Authority by way of grant in respect of expenditure incurred in the acquisition of any one vessel shall not exceed £25,000.

(2) Subject as aforesaid, the amount of any grant which may be made in pursuance of this scheme in respect of expenditure incurred in the acquisition of a vessel shall, where the said expenditure does not exceed £20,000 and the grant is made to an individual who satisfies the Authority that he is or is to be a working owner of the vessel, be at the rate of three-tenths of the said expenditure or £5,000, whichever is the less; and in any other case, one-quarter of the said expenditure.

(3) The amount of any grant which may be made in pursuance of this scheme in respect of expenditure incurred in the acquisition of an engine shall be at the rate of three-tenths of that expenditure or £1,250, whichever is the less.

Conditions for Payment of Grants

9.—(1) Applications shall be entertained only in respect of vessels or engines built or to be built in the United Kingdom.

(2) The plans and specifications of the vessel or engine, the tender for the expenditure incurred or to be incurred and the form of contract entered into or to be entered into by the applicant with the builder, seller or contractor shall be subject to the approval of the Authority.

(3) Vessels and engines shall be constructed and equipped to the satisfaction of the Authority, in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, and vessels shall conform to any standards laid down by the Minister of Transport under the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 to 1952, and shall be constructed so as to make such provision for the accommodation of officers

and crew as the Authority may require, which shall be such as in the opinion of the Authority conforms to the best modern practice appropriate to the class of vessel concerned, for sleeping and messing accommodation, sanitary accommodation, medical or first-aid facilities, store rooms, catering facilities and other accommodation.

(4) Any person authorised in writing by the Authority shall have the right to inspect a vessel or engine in respect of which a grant has been or is to be made under this scheme at any time during construction, on completion and after completion at all reasonable times within a period of ten years from the date of payment by the Authority of the final instalment on account of a grant.

10. No payment on account of a grant shall be made until the sum to be found by the applicant has been paid towards the cost of the vessel or engine, as the case may be. Thereafter payment on account of the grant may be made by the Authority direct to the applicant, or on the applicant's behalf to the builder, seller or contractor by such instalments and at such times as may be required in conformity with the contract, on the receipt of certificates or such further or other evidence that payment is due as may be required by the Authority.

11. Without prejudice to the discretion of the Authority in the payment of grants in pursuance of this scheme, if any person makes a false statement or furnishes false information in respect of any of the matters required to be disclosed in connection with an application for payment of a grant under this scheme or if any of the conditions relating to the payment of grants under this scheme are not complied with by an applicant, any payment on account of a grant to that applicant may at any time be refused.

12. Any person whose application for a grant under this scheme is approved by the Authority may be required to give such undertakings as the Authority may consider appropriate to the case, and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) shall be required in any case—

(*a*) to prosecute white fish catching diligently and vigorously to the satisfaction of the Authority within the inshore, near and middle waters, and not to use any vessel or engine in respect of which the grant is payable for fishing outside the said waters at any time during a period of ten years from the date of payment by the Authority of the final instalment on account of the grant, except on not more than two voyages between the 1st day of March and the 31st day of August (both days inclusive) in any year; provided nevertheless that the Authority may from time to time vary the number of voyages permitted during the said period in any year outside the inshore, near and middle waters in respect of all such vessels or engines as aforesaid, so long as any such variation does not permit any vessel to fish outside the said waters on more than three voyages during the said period in any year;

(*b*) to insure the vessel or engine and keep it insured at a valuation agreed with the Authority against all marine risks and war risks during a period of ten years from the date of payment by the Authority of the final instalment on account of the grant;

(*c*) to make available for inspection by the Authority at all reasonable times during the period of ten years from the last-mentioned date any books, records or other documents necessary to enable the Authority to satisfy themselves that any conditions of the grant have been complied with;

(*d*) if, except with the approval of the Authority, there occurs within a period of ten years from the last-mentioned date a mortgage, transfer of registration, charter or disposal in any other manner otherwise than by sale of the vessel or (where applicable) the engine, or if there occurs within the said period a breach of any undertaking or condition or a sale or the total loss of the vessel or engine arising out of an insured risk, to repay to the Authority—

(i) the whole of the grant, in the event of any such breach, mortgage, transfer, charter, disposal, sale or loss as aforesaid occurring not later than three years from the said date ; or

(ii) a proportion of the grant, in the event of any such breach, mortgage, transfer, charter, disposal, sale or loss as aforesaid occurring more than three years but within the period of ten years from the said date, such proportion to be calculated by multiplying the total amount of the grant by the fraction which represents the relationship which the unexpired part of the said period of ten years bears to the full period of ten years.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 14th day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

Tom Dugdale,
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this 14th day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

James Stuart,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the Seal of the Minister of Food this 14th day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

G. Lloyd George,
Minister of Food.

Approved,
14th July, 1953.

Martin Redmayne,
Hendrie D. Oakshott,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1953, provides that a scheme may be made for the payment by the White Fish Authority of grants to persons engaged or proposing to become engaged in the white fish industry in respect of expenditure incurred in the acquisition of new fishing vessels and engines. In order to qualify, the fishing vessel must not exceed 140 feet in registered length, the contract for the vessel or engine must have been made after 31st July, 1952, and the application approved not later than 19th May, 1963.

This scheme, made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Minister of Food, with the approval of the Treasury, relates to Great Britain. It provides for the payment of a grant of 25 per cent. of the cost of new vessels, or in the case of working

fishermen for boats costing £20,000 or less, 30 per cent. with a maximum of £5,000; working fishermen can also obtain 30 per cent. grants, with a maximum of £1,250 for new engines for existing vessels: the scheme also lays down an overall maximum of £25,000 as the highest grant which may be paid in respect of any one vessel, and contains provisions about the manner in which applications may be made and the conditions under which the grants will be paid.

As required by section 11 of the Act, this scheme was approved by a resolution of the House of Commons on 23rd July, 1953, and a resolution of the House of Lords on 28th July, 1953.

1953 No. 1139

The White Fish Subsidy (United Kingdom) Scheme, 1953

Made - - - - 26*th June*, 1953
Coming into Operation 1*st August*, 1953

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 5 of the White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1953(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following scheme:—

Citation, Extent, Commencement and Interpretation

1.—(1) This scheme, which may be cited as the White Fish Subsidy (United Kingdom) Scheme, 1953, shall apply to the United Kingdom, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of August, 1953.

(2) In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

"the appropriate Minister" means, in relation to vessels landing fish in England or Wales or Northern Ireland, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries; and in relation to vessels landing fish in Scotland, the Secretary of State for Scotland;

"Faroe fishing grounds" means fishing grounds within the following limits, namely: 4 degrees west longitude, 11 degrees west longitude, 60 degrees 20 minutes north latitude and 63 degrees north latitude, together with the Outer Bailey or Lousy Bank;

"Gross proceeds" means the proceeds from the first-hand sale of all fish (including herring, salmon, migratory trout and shellfish) taken on a voyage less such deductions as may be determined by the appropriate Minister in respect of expenses incurred on services not normally undertaken on a fishing vessel and in respect of the part of such proceeds which forms the perquisite of the crew of the vessel from which the fish were landed;

"inshore, near and middle waters", means waters within the following limits, namely: 63 degrees north latitude, 17 degrees west longitude and 43 degrees north latitude;

"length", in relation to a vessel, except when expressed as length overall, means its length as calculated for the purposes of registration under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894(b);

"white fish" means fish of any kind found in the sea, except herring, salmon, migratory trout and shellfish.

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 17. (b) 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60.