

1976 No. 27

AGRICULTURE

**The Eggs (Feed Price Allowance) (Amendment) Scheme
(Northern Ireland) 1976**

Made 2nd February 1976

Coming into operation 2nd February 1976

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section I of the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(a) as amended by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1957(b) and now vested in it(c) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Department(d) of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Eggs (Feed Price Allowance) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 2nd February 1976.

Amendments to the Eggs (Feed Price Allowance) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1973

2. The Eggs (Feed Price Allowance) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1973(e) is hereby amended as follows:—

(1) In Article 2 there shall be added to the definition of “egg packer”—
“and who gives to the Department of Agriculture such security in respect of payment of feed price allowance to producers as the Department of Agriculture may by notice in writing require”.

(2) In Article 3 there shall be inserted after the word “throughput” as it appears for the second time and before the word “for”—

“or such other sum as the Department of Agriculture with the approval of the Department of Finance may from time to time determine by reference to any change in the cost and availability of feedingstuffs in Northern Ireland, provided that the total sum expended under this Scheme, the Poultry (Feed Price Allowance) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1976(f) and the Pigs (Feed Price Allowance) (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1976(g) shall not in total exceed £4 million in respect of the period from the commencement of the Schemes until 31st March 1977 and such sum shall be paid”.

(a) 1954 c. 31 (N.I.)

(b) 1957 c. 3 (N.I.)

(c) By 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 7(1); 1974 c. 28 Sch. 1 para. 2(1) and (2)

(d) Formerly Minister: see 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 7(1); 1974 c. 28 Sch. 1 para. 2(1) and (2)

(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 22 (p. 79)

(f) S.R. 1976 No. 28

(g) S.R. 1976 No. 26

(3) In Article 3 there shall be added—

“but payments shall not be made by the Department of Agriculture in respect of eggs which are exported to another Member State of the European Economic Community”.

(4) The following paragraph shall be added to Article 7—

“(4) Any producer who has sold eggs to an egg packer shall permit on request any officer of the Department of Agriculture to enter his land and premises at all reasonable times and inspect all poultry and eggs thereon and any books, accounts and records in his possession relating to the sale of eggs and make copies of any entries therein.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 2nd February 1976.

(L.S.)

J. C. Chalmers

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 2nd February 1976.

(L.S.)

A. J. Green

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme amends the Eggs (Feed Price Allowance) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1973. It will enable the Department of Agriculture to determine the rates of payments to egg producers by reference to any change in the cost and availability of feedingstuffs in Northern Ireland. It restricts the payments to eggs which are not exported to another Member State of the European Economic Community. It also gives officers of the Department of Agriculture power to enter land and premises used for the production of eggs.