

1979 No. 96

AGRICULTURE

Bulk Milk Tanks (Assistance) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made 29th March 1979

Coming into operation 1st April 1979

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 1 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(c) of Finance, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Bulk Milk Tanks (Assistance) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1979.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme:—

“Department” means the Department of Agriculture;

“approved” means approved by the Department;

“the Board” means the Milk Marketing Board for Northern Ireland;

“expenditure” means the approved cost of purchasing a bulk milk tank and the approved cost of installing a bulk milk tank on a dairy farm;

“bulk milk tank” means a container designed to cool milk and hold it below the ambient temperature.

Bulk milk tank grants

3. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the Department may pay to the Board grants in respect of expenditure incurred by the Board in the purchase and installation on dairy farms of bulk milk tanks but no grant shall be paid in respect of second-hand bulk milk tanks or the installation thereof.

Applications for grants

4. Applications for payment of grants shall be made by the Board to the Department in writing and shall be in such form and accompanied by such documents as may be required by the Department.

Payment of grant

5. Payment shall be made at such time, in such form and in respect of such periods as the Department may determine.

Amount of grant

6. The amount of grant payable under this Scheme shall be 16.5% of expenditure.

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

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

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

Conditions for payment of grant

7.—(1) Any person authorised by the Department shall have the right to inspect at all reasonable times a bulk milk tank in respect of which a grant has been paid or is to be paid.

(2) The Board shall keep and make available for inspection by the Department at all reasonable times any books, records or other documents necessary to enable the Department to satisfy itself that the conditions of this Scheme have been complied with.

(3) If the Board sells or otherwise disposes of any bulk milk tank within five years of the date on which a grant in respect of that tank has been paid the Department may require the Board to repay to the Department the whole of the grant or such proportion of the grant as the Department may require which sum may be recovered by the Department as a civil debt due to it.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 29th March 1979.

(L.S.)

S. R. Armstrong

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 30th March 1979.

(L.S.)

R. McMurray

Assistant Secretary

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 grants to the Milk Marketing Board for Northern Ireland in respect of expenditure incurred in the purchase and installation on dairy farms of bulk milk tanks. The rate of grant is 16.5% of expenditure.