

1983 No. 74

AGRICULTURE

Grassland (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1983

Made 31st March 1983

Coming into operation 1st April 1983

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred by section 6(1) of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(b) hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Grassland (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1983.

Amendment

2. The Grassland Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1982(c) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) For Schedule 1 there shall be substituted the Schedule to this Scheme.

(2) For Article 8 there shall be substituted the following Article—

“Closing date for claims

8.—(1) Payments under Article 4 in respect of claims concerning the eligible works listed in column 1 of Schedule 1, Part I which are commenced on or before 31st March 1983, shall only be made if the claim is received by the Department on or before 30th September 1983.

(2) Payments of grant under Article 4 in respect of claims received concerning eligible works listed in column 1 of Schedule 1, Part II shall not be made by the Department if that work is commenced after 31st March 1984.”

(3) In Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph (1) for “31st March 1983” there shall be substituted “31st March 1984”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 31st March 1983.

(L.S.)

N. E. Morrison

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 31st March 1983.

(L.S.)

J. M. Dowdall

Assistant Secretary

(a) 1949 c. 2 (N.I.)

(b) Formerly Department of Finance. See S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

(c) S.R. 1982 No. 206

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE 1 — PART I

Eligible Works and Rates of Grant

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
<i>Kind of work or facility</i>	<i>Grassland Scheme supplement to rates of grant for items which are being grant aided under the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant Scheme</i> <i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Grassland Scheme supplement to rates of grant for items which are being grant aided under the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Regulations or Schedule 2 of the Farm and Horticulture Development Regulations</i> <i>Per cent.</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clearance and reclamation of land; sub-soiling, burning heather or grass or making muirburn; land levelling or grading (including filling in of ditches or ponds); removal of tree roots, boulders or other obstructions to cultivation; bracken control. 2. Reseeding and regeneration of grassland and laying down of permanent pasture, including as part of a complete programme of work the application of lime and fertiliser. 3. Provision, replacement or improvement of permanent fences, hedges, walls or gates. 4. Provision, replacement or improvement of field drainage, including under-drainage and ditching. Works and facilities to prevent the flooding of agricultural land by watercourses. 	<p>15.0</p> <p>15.0</p> <p>15.0</p> <p>17.5</p>	<p>15.0</p> <p>15.0</p> <p>15.0</p> <p>10.0</p>

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5. Provision, replacement, improvement, alteration, enlargement or reconditioning of silos for the ensiling of grass.	5.0	5.0
6. Provision, replacement or improvement of systems for the disposal of agricultural waste from cattle and sheep and effluent from silage.	5.0	5.0
7. Provision, replacement or improvement of pens, dips, or other facilities designed and intended for use in connection with the gathering or treatment of livestock.	7.5	7.5
8. Provision, replacement or improvement of roads, paths and other permanent ways, grids, hard standings, fords, bridges, culverts, railway crossings, creeps, piers, jetties or slips.	7.5	7.5

SCHEDULE 1 — PART II

Eligible Works and Rates of Grant

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
<i>Kind of work or facility</i>	<i>Grassland Scheme supplement to rates of grant for items which are being grant aided under the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant Scheme</i> <i>Per cent.</i>	<i>Grassland Scheme supplement to rates of grant for items which are being grant aided under the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Regulations or Schedule 2 of the Farm and Horticulture Development Regulations</i> <i>Per cent.</i>
1. Clearance and reclamation of land; sub-soiling, burning heather or grass or making muirburn; land levelling or grading (including filling in of ditches or ponds); removal of tree roots, boulders or other obstructions to cultivation; bracken control.	10.0	10.0
2. Reseeding and regeneration of grassland and laying down of permanent pasture, including as part of a complete programme of work the application of lime and fertiliser.	10.0	10.0
3. Provision, replacement or improvement of field drainage, including under-drainage and ditching. Works and facilities to prevent the flooding of agricultural land by watercourses.	12.5	5.0

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Scheme.)

This Scheme amends the Grassland Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1982 by introducing a closing date of 30th September 1983 for receipt of claims for grant for work eligible under the Scheme and commenced not later than 31st March 1983.

It extends the Scheme for a further year but at lower rates of grant for 3 kinds of eligible work, (1) land reclamation; (2) reseedling of grassland; and (3) field drainage. It also enables grant to be paid at the lower rate for any of these 3 kinds of eligible work which was commenced during the period 2nd August 1982 to 31st March 1983 inclusive but for which a claim is not received by 30th September 1983 in order to qualify for the higher rate of grant.