### STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# 1998 No. 447

# **AGRICULTURE**

Deseasonalisation Premium (Protection of Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998

Made - - - - 17th December 1998

Coming into operation 1st January 1999

The Department of Agriculture, being a Department designated(1) for the purpose of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(2) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2) and every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

#### Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Deseasonalisation Premium (Protection of Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1999.

## Interpretation

- **2.**—(1) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Deseasonalisation Premium (Protection of Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(3).
- (2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(4) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

## Amendment of the principal Regulations

- **3.**—(1) The principal Regulations shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).
- (2) In regulation 2(2) for the definition of "animal" there shall be substituted the following—""animal" means a castrated male animal of the bovine species which is slaughtered during the period 1st January 1999 to 12th June 1999 (both dates inclusive).".
- (3) In regulation 3 (application for premium payments)—

<sup>(1)</sup> S.I.1972/1811

<sup>(2) 1972</sup> c. 68; section 2 is subject to Schedule 2 to that Act and is to be read with S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3) and S.R. 1984 No. 253

<sup>(3)</sup> S.R. 1996 No. 605 as amended by S.R. 1997 No. 521

<sup>(4) 1954</sup> c. 33 (N.I.)

- (a) the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (2)–
  - "(2) Applications under paragraph (1) shall be lodged with the Department during the period 5th April to 12th September 1999 (both dates inclusive)."; and
- (b) the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (3)–
  - "(3) A producer may lodge up to two applications.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on

L.S.

17th December 1998.

Evelyn Cummins
Assistant Secretary

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

Article 4c of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 805/68 (O.J. No. L148, 28.6.68, p. 24, (O.J./SE 1968 (1) p. 187)) (inserted by Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2066/92 (O.J. No. L215, 30.7.92, p. 49)) as amended provides for the payment to beef and veal producers of a deseasonalisation premium. Detailed rules for the administration of the premium are laid down in Articles 1, 19 to 22, 42 to 45, and 54 to 61 of the Commission Regulations (EEC) No. 3886/92 (O.J. L391, 21.12.92, p. 20) as amended.

The Deseasonalisation Premium (Protection of Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 ("the principal Regulations") supplement the relevant provisions of the Council and Commission Regulations.

These Regulations amend the principal Regulations to provide that a producer may make up to two applications for Deseasonalisation Premium in respect of the 1999 marketing year and shall deliver his applications between the dates of 5th April 1999 and 12th September 1999.

A consequential change is made to the definition of "animal" in the principal Regulations.