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ANIMALS

Cattle Improvement

SCHEME, DATED 8TH JUNE 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949.

The Ministry of Agriculture by virtue of the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Registration of Beef Type Cow Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1972 and shall come into operation on 26th June 1972.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme:—

“Breed Society” means the Society responsible for the identification and registration of the breed in the Herd Book;

“cow” means a female of the bovine species and includes a heifer;

“herdowner” means the owner of a herd who applies to have cows registered under the Scheme;

“non-pedigree bull” means a bull not entered in or eligible for entry in the Herd Book of the Breed Society concerned;

“the Ministry” means the Ministry of Agriculture.

Object of Scheme

3. The object of the Scheme is to identify and register cows suitable to breed non-pedigree bulls of beef type.

Eligible categories of cows

4. The following categories of cows shall be eligible to participate in the Scheme:—

(1) Cows entered in Class A, B or C of the Supplementary Register of the Herd Book of the Charolais Cattle Society or in Class A, B, C or D of the Supplementary Register of Coates' Herd Book of Shorthorn Cattle, or

(2) Cows sired by a pedigree bull of either the Charolais or Shorthorn breeds and approved after inspection by the Ministry as being characteristic of either of these breeds and suitable for the purposes of the Scheme.

Application and inspection

5.—(1) An application to have a cow registered under the Scheme shall be made in such form as the Ministry may require at least two months before the cow is due to calve.

(2) If an application is made in respect of a cow in a category described in paragraph 4(1) that cow shall be accepted into the Scheme and the applicant notified accordingly.

(3) If the application is made in respect of a cow in a category described in paragraph 4(2), the Ministry shall inspect that cow and shall notify the applicant whether the cow has been accepted into the Scheme.

(4) Cows accepted into the Scheme and the progeny of such cows shall be tattooed by the Ministry in such manner as will enable them to be identified later.

Inspection fee

6. An application in respect of a cow in a category described in paragraph 4(2) shall be accompanied by a fee of five pounds. No refund of the fee shall be made once the inspection of the cow has been carried out.

Register

7. The Ministry shall keep a register of all cows accepted into the Scheme and the progeny of such cows.

Conditions to be observed by herdowners

8. On a cow being accepted into the Scheme the owner shall:—

- (1) keep a record relating to such cow showing:—
 - (a) the tattoo mark of the cow;
 - (b) the service date giving the name of the bull used and including a reference to the authentic record of service;
 - (c) date of calving and sex of calf;
- (2) notify to the Ministry the birth of all calves born to such cow within 7 days of such birth, and
- (3) provide all necessary facilities for inspection of animals and records connected with the Scheme.

Disqualification

9. Where a herdowner

- (1) fails to comply with any of the provisions of the Scheme, or
- (2) through misrepresentation or fraud obtain the acceptance of a cow into the Scheme,

the Ministry, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies available to it, may remove that cow from the register and may suspend or cancel the registration of any other cow owned by the herdowner.

General

10. The Ministry may publish any information which is obtained as a result of the operations of the Scheme, including any facts about any cow or its progeny for which records are available under the Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 8th day of June 1972, in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. Parke,
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 14th day of June 1972, in the presence of

(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 provides for the registration of non-pedigree cows of the Charolais and Shorthorn breeds which have been found suitable by the Ministry to breed bulls eligible for restricted licences. The bulls are intended for use in suckler and beef-producing herds.