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AGRICULTURE

Headage Payments—Sheep

SCHEME, DATED THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH 1973, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954 AS AMENDED BY THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1957.

WHEREAS by section 1(1) of the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(a) the Minister of Agriculture with the approval of the Minister of Finance may make schemes whereby for the purpose of assisting the agricultural industry in Northern Ireland the Ministry of Agriculture may make payments to or for the benefit (whether direct or indirect) of farmers producing any produce specified in the Scheme:

AND WHEREAS by sub-section 1(a) of section 1 of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(b) it is provided that so long as that section has effect all functions which apart from that Act belong to any Minister of Northern Ireland shall be discharged by the Secretary of State:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 1 of the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 as amended by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1957(c) and by section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972 and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Sheep Headage Payments Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1973.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on 26th March 1973.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme:—

“certified” means certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

“approved deadweight certification centre” means any place for the time being approved for the certification of the carcasses of livestock under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

“approved liveweight certification centre” means any place for the time being approved for the certification of livestock under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme;

“Fatstock Guarantee Scheme” means the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme in operation in Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

“Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year” means the year as specified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme for the time being in operation;

“home-bred” means born and entirely produced in Northern Ireland;

“Ministry” means Ministry of Agriculture;

“sheep” means clean fat sheep or carcasses of such animals.

(a) 1954. c. 31.

(b) 1972. c. 22.

(c) 1957. c. 3.

Headage payments

3. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the Ministry may make to or for the benefit (whether direct or indirect) of farmers producing home-bred sheep a payment in respect of each eligible home-bred animal which is properly certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme at any approved liveweight or deadweight certification centre in Northern Ireland during the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year 1973/74.

4. Payments shall be made in respect of such animals certified during the specified periods of the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme Year 1973/74 at the rates set forth in the Schedule.

5. In case of doubt as to the proper certification of an animal or as to the proper person to be paid, eligibility for the headage payment shall be at the discretion of the Ministry.

6. There shall be no contract or obligation on the part of the Ministry to make any headage payment and all headage payments shall be at the Ministry's discretion.

7. If the Ministry, after having made a payment under this Scheme, finds that such payment ought not to have been made in whole or in part or that the payment was in excess of the amount properly payable it may recover from the person to whom such payment has been made the whole or any part of the sum already paid, or may without prejudice to any other method of recovery withhold or cause to be withheld any payment which would otherwise be or become due to that person by the Ministry under this or any other Scheme. The Ministry may also recover from a payment due under this Scheme by way of deduction any monies due by the payee to the Ministry or any other Government Department.

Dated this 24th day of March 1973.

W. S. I. White law,

One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

SCHEDULE

<i>Period</i>	<i>Rate of headage payment</i>
26th March to 13th May 1973 .	75p
14th May to 20th May 1973 .	50p
21st May to 24th June 1973 .	25p

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme enables the Ministry of Agriculture to pay headage payments in respect of home-bred sheep certified under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme 1973/74 for the periods and at the rates set out in the Schedule.