

SCHEDULE

SCHEME UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACTS, 1931 TO 1949, REGULATING THE MARKETING OF WOOL

PART II

THE BOARD AND COMMITTEES

ELECTION OF REGIONAL AND SPECIAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES OF REGIONAL COMMITTEES

43. When an election of a regional member to the Board or an election of county representatives to a Regional Committee is to be held, the Board shall notify the registered producers in the region or in the county as the case may be, by advertisement in the press or otherwise, as the Board deem fit, of the address of the Board to which written nominations of candidates are to be sent and the last day (which shall not be earlier than the fourteenth day after the day of publication or issue of the notice) on which such nominations shall be received; and no person shall be eligible to be elected unless he has been so nominated by at least ten registered producers in the region or in the county as the case may be, and the nominations have been received at the specified address by 6 p.m. on the specified day.

44.—(1) If for any region or county not more than one candidate (or, in the case of county representatives, three for Devon or Cornwall or two for any of the counties specified in the Second Schedule of this Scheme) is duly nominated, the candidate (or candidates) nominated shall be deemed to be elected.

(2) If for any region or county no candidate is duly nominated (or, in the case of county representatives, less than three for Devon or Cornwall or less than two for any of the counties specified in the said Second Schedule are nominated) the Board shall fill the vacancies thus arising by its own nominees.

(3) If more than one candidate is duly nominated for any region or county (or, in the case of county representatives, more than three for Devon or Cornwall or more than two for any of the counties specified in the said Second Schedule) a vote shall be taken by post and the Board shall for that purpose send to every registered producer in the region or county a voting paper in such form as the Board think proper, stating the names and addresses of the candidates and specifying the address of the Board to which the voting papers are to be sent and the last day (which shall not be earlier than the tenth day after the day on which the voting papers are sent by the Board) on which the voting papers will be received; and no voting paper shall be taken into account unless it is received at the specified address by 6 p.m. on the specified day.

In the event of the loss of a voting paper, the Board may supply a duplicate voting paper.

45.—(1) In voting at elections of regional members of the Board each registered producer in the region shall have one vote plus one additional vote for every ten sheep which are over four months old and are in his possession and in the region on such date as the Board may determine for the purpose of any election.

(2) In voting at elections of county representatives of Regional Committees each producer in the county shall have one vote plus one additional vote for every ten sheep which are over four months old and are in his possession and in the county on such date as the Board may determine for the purpose of any election provided that producers in the counties of Devon and Cornwall shall have three times the said number of votes and producers in any of the counties specified in the Second

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Schedule of this Scheme shall have twice the said number of votes but shall not give more than a third or a half, as the case may be, of their total votes in favour of one candidate.

(3) Each person voting shall sign his voting paper and add his address. If a voting paper is unsigned or the address of the voter is not given, or if the voter purports to vote for more candidates than there are persons to be elected, the voting paper shall not be taken into account.

(4) Subject as aforesaid, the votes of a person entitled to vote shall not be rejected by reason of any defect in the manner in which he has filled up the voting paper.

(5) Where it does not clearly appear from a voting paper whether or not the voter intended to vote in favour of any particular candidate, he shall be taken not to have voted in favour of that candidate.

(6) The Board shall cause the votes to be counted, and the candidates who receive the most votes shall be declared elected, and the Board shall publish the result.

46. If a person duly elected to a Regional Committee is also elected a regional member of the Board, he shall hold office on the Regional Committee only by virtue of his position as regional member of the Board and if a person duly elected to a Regional Committee is also elected a special member of the Board he shall retire from the Regional Committee and the Committee, as constituted for the time being, shall in either case co-opt another person to fill the vacancy in the membership of the Committee.

47. The provisions of paragraphs 43 to 46 of this Scheme shall, subject to such variation as the nature of the case requires, be applicable to elections of special members of the Board; provide that:

- (a) a person shall not be eligible for election as a special member of the Board unless he has been so nominated by the Board, or at least one hundred registered producers;
- (b) when one special member is to be elected, each registered producer shall have one vote plus one additional vote for every ten sheep which are over four months old and are in his possession on such date as the Board may determine for the purpose of any election;
- (c) when two special members are to be elected, each registered producer shall have twice the said number of votes, but shall not give more than half of his total votes in favour of one candidate.