

## GOVERNMENT CIRCULAR

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### THE MIXED CROPS SUBSIDY SCHEME, 1950.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has approved of the following Scheme prepared by the Isle of Man Board of Agriculture and Fisheries providing for the payment of a subsidy of One Pound (£1/0/0) per acre in respect of the growing of Mixed Cereals in the Isle of Man during the year 1950 to augment supplies of feeding stuffs for livestock.

By Order,

Government Office,

J. N. PANES,

Isle of Man,

Government Secretary.

4th June, 1950.

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1. The Treasurer of the Isle of Man (hereinafter referred to as "the Treasurer") out of monies provided by Tynwald shall make the following subsidy payments for crops grown in the Isle of Man in the year 1950 subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this scheme:—

£1/0/0 per acre in respect of Mixed Crops, comprising (i) beans and/or peas, and (ii) mixtures of cereals grown with a minimum of one stone of beans and/or peas and/or vetches, and so in proportion for less than an acre, and sown contemporaneously with the mixture of cereals. Cereals and vetches only will not be considered as an eligible crop, but the subsidy payment will be made irrespective of whether the eligible crops are harvested for threshing or made into silage.

2. Subsidy payments in respect of eligible crops shall be made to the person at whose expense the land has been worked and sown, and if one or more of the operations involved has been, or is being, or is to be, carried out at the expense of another person, subsidy payments shall be divided amongst those persons in such proportions as the Isle of Man Board of Agriculture and Fisheries (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") may direct.

Provided that if the applicant has become indebted to some person or persons for carrying out any operation or cultivation in connection with the eligible crop, the subsidy payment may be properly made to that other person or persons, on proof of indebtedness, otherwise than by virtue of an assignment.

3. Any person participating in the Scheme who has received a subsidy payment shall be liable for the return thereof in the event of the crop not being harvested on or before the 30th day of October, 1950, and such repayment shall be recoverable by the Treasurer under due process of law.

4. In the event of a total or partial failure of the crop, or in the event of an unsatisfactory yield being obtained, the subsidy payment shall be withheld if it appears to the Board that the applicant has not exercised due care and diligence in any of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) The suitability of the ground on which the crop has been grown;
- (b) The selection of the variety grown;

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- (c) The quality of the seed purchased and the quantity sown;
- (d) The suitability of fertilisers applied and the appropriateness of the quantities given;
- (e) The cultivation of the land;
- (f) The harvesting operations, the stacking of crops, the protection of the stacked crops against the weather, and threshing; and
- (g) Sowing down contemporaneously with the mixed cereals, the minimum quantity of beans, peas or vetches specified in paragraph 1 of this Scheme.

5. Where the applicant is a tenant farmer whose tenancy expires or may be terminated in the year of ploughing, or the next following year, it will be a condition of payment that the said tenant shall not break more land from lea than one-fifth of the arable acreage of the holding, or such proportion as is stipulated in the lease or agreement operating, unless authorised to do so by written authority from the Board.

6. Where no lease or agreement exists, the Board shall require a tenant or occupier of agricultural land not to leave more than twenty per cent. of the arable land on his holding in stubble following ploughing from lea in the cropping year in respect of which subsidy payment is claimed.

7. If it is proved to the satisfaction of the Board that an applicant for a subsidy payment under this scheme has failed to pay the minimum wages under the Agricultural Wages Act, the Board, in addition to any other penalty, may require him to repay the whole or any part of the subsidy payment made under this scheme and in default thereof the same may be recovered by the Treasurer as a debt.

8. The determination of the Board as to any question arising under the conditions governing the scheme shall be conclusive.

9. The Treasurer shall not be authorised to make any subsidy payment unless an application therefor has been made to the Board by the person to whom the subsidy payment may be made or by a person to whom a part thereof may be paid on a division thereof. The application shall be in such form, and shall contain such particulars with respect to the eligible crop and shall be verified in such manner, as the Board may require.

10. The Board shall certify as to the correctness of the subsidy payments to be made to persons under the provisions of this scheme and shall forward the forms of application, duly certified, to the Treasurer for payment.

11. For the purpose of obtaining information required in connection with this scheme, the Board may authorise any person to inspect any agricultural land in respect of which subsidy payments have been applied for or made.

12. If in furnishing any information for the purpose of this Scheme any person makes any statement which he knows to be false in a material particular, or recklessly or negligently makes any statement which is false in a material particular, he shall forfeit any claim to any grant under the provisions of this Scheme.

13. Notwithstanding anything in the Agricultural Returns Act, 1929, any return made under that Act may be used by the Board for the purpose of this scheme.

14. Applications for subsidy payment must be received by the Board not later than the 30th June, 1950, and applications received after that date will not be entertained unless the Board is satisfied for good and sufficient reasons, that the application could not be made before such date.

15. This scheme may be cited as "The Mixed Crops Subsidy Scheme, 1950."