



The Beef Quality (Headage Payment) (Amendment) Scheme 2001

Approved by Tynwald on 16 January 2001

Coming into operation on 1st February, 2001

Title and Commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Beef Quality (Headage Payment) (Amendment) Scheme 2000 and shall come into operation on 1st February, 2001.

Amendment to the Beef Quality (Headage Payment) Scheme 1999

2. (1) The Beef Quality (Headage Payment) Scheme (a) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(2) In paragraph (2) (interpretation) the following definition shall be inserted at the appropriate alphabetical place -

“official veterinary surgeon” means a Veterinary Surgeon designated by the Department of Local Government and the Environment under Regulation 8 of the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) No. 2 Regulation 1997; (b)”;

(3) In paragraph (7) (exclusion from headage) (h) Insert instead -

“(h) animals which are unable to satisfy the Official Veterinary Surgeon and Meat Grader as to their identity and traceability”.

Made this 18th day of December, 2000.

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Scheme)

This amendment to the Beef Quality (Headage Payment) Scheme allows for the payment by the Department of headage on cattle which meet the quality criteria of the Scheme, but which carry less than 4 complete official tags, a front and a back in each ear, when presented for inspection for premium but which are passed by the Department of Local Government and the Environment's Official Veterinary Surgeon to enter the food chain.

The Marking and Cattle Records Order 1997 continues to make it an offence to move animals from holdings which do not carry 4 full tags.

The amendment therefore makes provision for cattle which leave a holding with 4 full tags, but when presented for headage have lost one or more tags in transit or in the Meat Plant lairage. Such animals must however be able to satisfy the Official Veterinary Surgeon and Department Meat Grader as to their identity through the remaining tags, which must match the animals' passport which accompanies it to the Meat Plant, and also be capable of being traced through the animals' movement records which are maintained by the owner.