EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order fixes the guaranteed average price to be paid for wool to producers in the United Kingdom in the year beginning on 1st May, 1951; and prescribes the manner in which the average price for that year is to be calculated. The guaranteed price so fixed is that which was determined for wool following the 1951 review of farm prices.

AIR COUNCIL

The Air Council (Membership, Business, &c.) Order, 1951

1951 No. 144

Made - - - - 29*th January*, 1951
Coming into Operation 1*st February*, 1951

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 29th day of January, 1951

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by section 8 of the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917(a), it is enacted that:—

(1) for the purpose of the administration of matters relating to the Air Force and to the defence of the realm by air there shall be established an Air Council consisting of one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, who shall be President of the Air Council, and of other members who shall be appointed in such manner and subject to such provisions as His Majesty may, by Order in Council, direct.

(2) His Majesty may, by Order in Council, make provision with respect to the proceedings of the Air Council and the manner in which the business of the Council is to be distributed among the members thereof:

And Whereas His Majesty, by the Air Council (Membership, Business, &c.) Order, 1946 dated the 21st day of December, 1946(b), made provision with respect to the constitution of the Air Council and the manner of the appointment of the members thereof:

And Whereas by section 14 of the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, Orders in Council made under that Act may be varied and revoked by subsequent Orders in Council:

And Whereas it is expedient to make provision for the reconstitution of the Air Council:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The Air Council shall consist of the following members, that is to say:—

One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State who shall be President of the Air Council.

(a) 7 & 8 Geo. 5. c. 51. (b) S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 2201) I, p. 2.

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Air.

The Chief of the Air Staff.

The Air Member for Personnel.

The Air Member for Supply and Organization.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Air.

2. Of the members of the Air Council (other than the President) the Chief of the Air Staff shall be appointed by His Majesty and the other members shall be appointed by the Secretary of State.

3. There may be included in the Air Council such additional members (if any), not exceeding four, as may be appointed by the Secretary of State.

4. The Secretary of State is to be responsible to His Majesty and Parliament for all the business of the Air Council.

All business, other than business which the Secretary of State specially reserves to himself, is to be transacted in the following principal divisions:—

(*a*) The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Air to be Vice-President of the Air Council and to be responsible to the Secretary of State for so much of the business of the Air Council as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Secretary of State.

(*b*) The Chief of the Air Staff, who shall be the first and Senior Air Member of Council and principal adviser of the Secretary of State in the direction of the Air Force, the Air Member for Personnel and the Air Member for Supply and Organization, to be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of so much of the business of the Air Council relating to the command, disposition, organization, personnel, training, equipment, armament and maintenance of the Air Force as may be assigned to them, or each of them, from time to time by the Secretary of State.

(*c*) The Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Air, in relation to the Air Council and concurrently with his corresponding duties in respect of the general business of the Air Ministry, to be responsible for such duties discharged by the Air Council as are not assigned to other members of Council; for financial advice and, as Accounting Officer, for the control of all expenditure; for the general conduct of correspondence, the direction of the organization and the co-ordination and furtherance of the business of the Air Council; and also to be designated Secretary of the Air Council and as such charged with the preparation of all official communications of the Council.

5. Subject to the foregoing provisions, the powers and duties of the Air Council may be exercised and performed by any two of their number and notwithstanding that any office, the holder of which is a member of the Air Council, is temporarily vacant.

6. This Order in Council, which may be cited as the Air Council (Membership, Business, &c.) Order, 1951, shall be substituted for the Air Council (Membership, Business, &c.) Order, 1946(**a**), and shall come into force on the 1st day of February, 1951.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 2201) I, p. 2.