STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 1025

AGRICULTURE

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRIES

The Beef Cow (England and Wales) (Amendment) Scheme 1971

Made - - - -	21*st June* 1971
Laid before Parliament	28*th June* 1971
Coming into Operation	29*th June* 1971

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, in pursuance of section 12 of the Agriculture Act 1967(**a**), as read with the Transfer of Functions (Wales) Order 1969(**b**), and of all their other enabling powers, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following scheme:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This scheme, which may be cited as the Beef Cow (England and Wales) (Amendment) Scheme 1971, shall come into operation on 29th June 1971, and shall be construed as one with the principal scheme.

(2) In this scheme, the expression "the principal scheme" means the Beef Cow (England and Wales) Scheme 1967(**c**), as amended (**d**).

Abolition of stocking ratio for the year 1971

2.—(1) In relation to subsidy payments which may be payable for the year 1971, paragraph 4 of the principal scheme (which limits the numbers of eligible cows in respect of which such payments may be made) shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the following sub-paragraph.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph shall be amended by the deletion of paragraph (*b*) thereof, together with the word "or", which immediately precedes it, and the words "whichever is the less", which follow it, and sub-paragraph (2) shall be deleted.

Application of scheme to cases where hill cow subsidy is paid

3.—(1) In sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 6 of the principal scheme (which provides for subsidy payments to be made in respect of eligible cows disqualified from such payments under a hill cattle scheme by reason of the application of a stocking ratio in cases where the land on which the herd is maintained is partly hill land and partly other land), there shall be inserted after the words "partly other land" the words "which is capable of supporting cattle".

(2) In sub-paragraph (3) of that paragraph, the words after "for the purposes of this scheme" to the end of the sub-paragraph shall be deleted.

(**a**) 1967 c. 22. (**b**) S.I. 1969/388 (1969 I, p. 1070).

(**c**) S.I. 1967/1555 (1967 III, p. 4317).

(**d**) S.I. 1969/693, 1970/2023 (1969 II, p. 1905; 1970 III, p. 6598).

Amendment of paragraph 7 of principal scheme

4. In sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph 7 of the principal scheme, the words "or inspection of relevant grass or forage crops," shall be deleted.

Saving for previous years

5. Nothing in this scheme shall affect subsidy payments relating to the prescribed dates in the years 1967 to 1970.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 14th June 1971.

(L.S.)

J.M.L. Prior,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under my hand on 17th June 1971.

Peter Thomas,
Secretary of State for Wales.

We approve,
21st June 1971.

P. L. Hawkins,
Bernard Weatherill,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Scheme.)

Paragraph 4 of the Beef Cow (England and Wales) Scheme 1967, as amended, restricts the number of cows in respect of which subsidy payments may be made to the number of eligible cows comprised in a herd on a prescribed date in the year in question which satisfy the requirements of the scheme, or to one cow for each two acres of grass and forage crops available for the maintenance of the herd in that year, whichever is the less. The present scheme amends the 1967 scheme by abolishing the stocking ratio altogether in respect of the year 1971, so that subsidy payments will now be made in respect of all eligible cows in a beef herd which qualify.

In paragraph 6(2) of the 1967 scheme, provision is made for beef cow subsidy to be payable in respect of eligible cows in cases where the agricultural unit comprises both hill land, as defined in a hill cattle scheme, and other land, and where the cows in question are disqualified for the purposes of hill cattle subsidy by the application of a stocking ratio. The present scheme provides that, in order to qualify for beef cow subsidy in such circumstances, the agricultural unit on which the herd is maintained must comprise, as well as hill land, land which is capable of supporting cattle.