EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Agricultural Holdings Act, 1948, provides that, with certain exceptions, a notice to quit an agricultural holding shall not have effect unless the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries consents to its operation. Section 21 of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) Act, 1951, modifies the Agricultural Holdings Act, 1948, where the tenant residing on an agricultural holding is a service man performing a period of service other than a short period of training so as to make the consent of the Minister necessary for the operation of the notice to quit and so as to enable the Minister to take into consideration special hardship which would be caused to the service man by the operation of the notice to quit. If the tenant residing on an agricultural holding does not agree to accept notice to quit his holding he has to serve a counter-notice on his landlord and to take certain steps to bring the matter before the Minister and, if he desires to appeal against the Minister's decision, an Agricultural Land Tribunal. Where a service man is serving abroad at the time when notice to quit his holding is served there may be no one authorised by him to take the necessary steps. These Regulations provide that the Minister, or an Agricultural Land Tribunal, may give directions authorising any suitable person to do any act or conduct any proceedings on behalf of the service man.

WOOL

The British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1951

1951 No. 744

Made - - - -	12*th April*, 1951
Laid before Parliament	16*th April*, 1951
Coming into Operation	30*th April*, 1951

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for the Home Department (being the Secretaries of State concerned with Agriculture in Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively), in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section four of the Agriculture Act, 1947(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with such bodies of persons as appear to each of them to represent the interests of producers of wool, and with the approval of the Treasury, hereby severally make the following Order:—*

1. This Order may be cited as the British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1951, and shall come into operation on the thirtieth day of April, 1951.

2.—(1) In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

"The appropriate Minister" means, in relation to any part of the United Kingdom, the Minister concerned with agriculture therein;

"The Board" means the British Wool Marketing Board set up under the Scheme;

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* The necessary Resolutions were passed by the House of Commons on 26th April, 1951, and by the House of Lords on 26th April, 1951.

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.

" The Board's outgoings " and " the Board's receipts " have the meanings respectively assigned to them by Article 4 of this Order ;

" The guaranteed price " means the price fixed by the Ministers or the appropriate Minister pursuant to paragraph (1) of Article 3 of this Order ;

" Marketing allowance " means such sum as, with the approval of the Treasury, the Ministers or the appropriate Minister may determine to represent the cost per pound avoirdupois of marketing the wool tendered during any wool year ;

" The Ministers " means the Ministers concerned with agriculture in the United Kingdom acting jointly ;

" Price " means price per pound avoirdupois ;

" Produced ", in relation to wool, means removed or detached from sheep ;

" Producer " means producer of wool ;

" The Scheme " means the British Wool Marketing Scheme, 1950(a) ;

" Tendered " means duly tendered for the purposes of paragraph 72 of the Scheme ;

" Wool " has the same meaning as in the Scheme, except that it does not include skin wool as therein defined ;

" Wool year " means a period of twelve months commencing on such date as may be specified by the Ministers or the appropriate Minister at the time when the price is fixed.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3.—(1) The Ministers or the appropriate Minister shall, with the approval of the Treasury and in accordance with the provisions of Part I of the Agriculture Act, 1947(c), in each year while this Order is in force fix a price for wool tendered during a specified wool year.

(2) The price or prices fixed by the Board pursuant to the Scheme for wool produced in any part of the United Kingdom and tendered during any wool year shall so far as possible be fixed by the Board so that the average price payable by the Board to producers in respect of such wool shall not be less than the guaranteed price.

(3) In the event of the average price paid by the Board to producers pursuant to the Scheme for wool produced in any part of the United Kingdom and tendered during any wool year being less than the guaranteed price, then in such case the difference, multiplied by the number of pounds avoirdupois of such wool tendered as aforesaid, shall, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme, be payable out of the funds of the Board to such of the said producers in such manner and in such proportions as the Board may determine.

Provided that if in respect of any wool year the appropriate Minister gives his consent to the Board on application made to him by them, this paragraph shall not apply to that wool year ; and any consent given by the appropriate Minister as aforesaid may be subject to such conditions (if any) as he may consider necessary or desirable for the protection of the interests of producers.

(a) Schedule to S.I. 1950 (No. 1326) I, p. 72. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.

4.—(1) The following calculations shall be made for each wool year, that is to say: (*a*) the guaranteed price and any marketing allowance shall be added together and multiplied by the number of pounds avoirdupois of wool produced in any part of the United Kingdom and tendered during that wool year (the resulting sum is hereinafter called " the Board's outgoings ") and (*b*) the sums paid or payable to the Board, in respect of wool produced in any part of the United Kingdom and tendered during the said wool year, on the sale thereof by the Board, shall be added together (the resulting sum is hereinafter called " the Board's receipts ").

(2) If for any wool year the Board's outgoings are greater than the Board's receipts, the Ministers or the appropriate Minister shall pay the difference to the Board subject to and in accordance with the provisions of any arrangement in that behalf made between the Ministers and the Board; or if no such arrangement has been made, in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Ministers may determine.

(3) If for any wool year the Board's outgoings are less than the Board's receipts, the Board shall deal with the difference in such manner as may be provided for by any arrangement in that behalf made between the Ministers and the Board; or, if no such arrangement has been made, shall deal with it in such manner as the Ministers may direct.

5. For the purpose of the due execution of the provisions of this Order or of any such arrangement as aforesaid made between the Ministers and the Board, the Board shall keep such records as the Board may consider necessary or as the Ministers or the appropriate Minister may from time to time direct, and the Board shall make any such records available for inspection at all reasonable times by any duly authorised officer, servant or agent of the Ministers, the appropriate Minister or the Comptroller and Auditor General.

6. This Order shall have effect in relation to the period of twelve months which commenced on the 1st day of May, 1950, as though any average price for wool fixed in respect of the said period by the Ministers before the coming into operation of this Order had been fixed by the Ministers under paragraph (1) of Article 3 of this Order, as though any additional price in respect of the costs of marketing wool fixed in respect of the said period by the Ministers before the coming into operation of this Order had been determined by them to represent the cost per pound avoirdupois of marketing the wool tendered during the said period, and as though any prices fixed in respect of the said period before the coming into operation of this Order for different classes of wool, any payments for wool made or due to producers before the coming into operation of this Order in respect of the said period, and any sum received or receivable in respect of the said period from the sale of wool by or on behalf of the Ministers before the coming into operation of this Order, had been fixed, made or received or were due or receivable by or from the Board pursuant to the Scheme and this Order.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

(L.S.)

T. Williams,
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

(L.S.) *Hector McNeil,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this tenth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

J. Chuter Ede,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Approved this twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

W. A. Wilkins,
R. J. Taylor,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order makes arrangements, under section 4 of the Agriculture Act, 1947, for providing guaranteed prices for wool the marketing of which has been, since 16th October, 1950, in the hands of the Board set up under the British Wool Marketing Scheme. The addition of wool to the First Schedule to the Agriculture Act (which lists the produce to which guaranteed prices and assured markets are applied) was effected by the Agriculture Act (Extension of First Schedule) (Wool) Order, 1950 (S.I. 1950 No. 1262). The present Order ensures that the prices paid for wool to producers shall not be less on the average than the price to be fixed in advance each year by the agricultural Ministers for the United Kingdom, and makes certain other consequential provisions.

The Wool (Guaranteed Average Price) Order, 1951

1951 No. 1562

Made - - - -	22*nd August*, 1951
Laid before Parliament	25*th August*, 1951
Coming into Operation	28*th August*, 1951

In pursuance of section three and subsection (1) of section five of the Agriculture Act, 1947(**a**), of the British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1951(**b**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for the Home Department (being the Secretaries of State concerned with Agriculture in Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively), with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Wool (Guaranteed Average Price) Order, 1951, and shall come into operation on the twenty-eighth day of August, 1951.

(**a**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.