In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this seventh day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.)

D. Heathcoat Amory,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this seventh day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.)

James Stuart,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this seventh day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

G. Lloyd-George,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Approved this seventh day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

Gerald Wills,
Peter Legh,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order provides under Section four of the Agriculture Act, 1947, for support price arrangements for potatoes to operate from 1st August, 1955. The Order provides for the support prices at which potatoes will be bought from producers to be determined by Ministers after reviews held under Section two of the Act.

The Order has been approved by resolutions of each House of Parliament in pursuance of section seven of the Act.

1955 No. 487

The British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1955

Made - - - - 8*th March*, 1955
Coming into Operation 1*st May*, 1955

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

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

each of them to represent the interests of producers of wool, and with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1955, and shall come into operation on the first day of May, 1955.

2. The British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1951(a), is hereby revoked, but without prejudice to any right acquired or any liability incurred before the date of the said revocation.

3.—(1) In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby 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;

"The Board's outgoings" and "the Board's receipts" have the meanings respectively assigned to them by Article 5 of this Order;

"Guaranteed price" means the price fixed by the Ministers or the appropriate Minister pursuant to Article 4 of this Order;

"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;

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

"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 guaranteed price is fixed.

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

4. 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(d), in each year while this Order is in force fix a price for wool tendered during a specified wool year.

5.—(1) The following calculations shall be made for each wool year, that is to say: (*a*) the guaranteed price shall be 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").

(a) S.I. 1951/744 (1951 I, p. 59).
(b) Schedule to S.I. 1950/1326 (1950 I, p. 72).
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(d) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.

(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.

6. 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.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 8th day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.) *D. Heathcoat Amory,*
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this 8th day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.) *James Stuart,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this 8th day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

G. Lloyd-George,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Approved this 8th day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

Martin Redmayne,
Gerald Wills,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order continues arrangements, under section 4 of the Agriculture Act, 1947, for providing guaranteed prices for wool and supersedes the British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1951, with the difference that the present Order does not make separate provision for the Board's marketing expenses or specify by order the precise amount to be paid by the Board to producers. The Order ensures that the price to be received by the British Wool Marketing

Board 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 addition of wool to the First Schedule to the Agriculture Act, 1947, (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. 1950/1262 (1950 I, p. 3)).

In accordance with section 7 (2) of the Act, resolutions approving this Order were passed by the House of Commons on 23rd March, 1955, and by the House of Lords on 24th March, 1955.

1955 No. 614

The Wool (Guaranteed Average Price) Order, 1955

Made - - - -	21*st April*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	27*th April*, 1955
Coming into Operation	2*nd May*, 1955

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 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, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section three and subsection (1) of section five of the Agriculture Act, 1947(**a**), by the British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1955(**b**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Wool (Guaranteed Average Price) Order, 1955, and shall come into operation on the 2nd May, 1955.

2.—(1) In this Order, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:—

"Guaranteed price" has the same meaning as in the British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1955(**b**);

"Pound" means pound avoirdupois;

"Scheme" means the British Wool Marketing Scheme, 1950(**c**);

"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;

"Year" means a continuous period of twelve months.

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

3. For the year beginning on the first day of May, 1955, the guaranteed price for wool tendered by producers thereof in the United Kingdom shall be four shillings and ten pence farthing per pound of wool.

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.
(b) S.I. 1955/487 (p. 103 above).
(c) Schedule to S.I. 1950/1326 (1950 I, p. 72).
(d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.