1958 No. 2126

The British Wool Marketing Scheme (Directions) Order, 1958

Made - - - -	15*th December*, 1958
Laid before Parliament	18*th December*, 1958
Coming into Operation	1*st May*, 1959

Whereas the Ministers hereinafter named directed the Committee of Investigation for Great Britain, appointed under the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1958(**a**), to consider and report on certain complaints made to the Ministers as to the operation of the British Wool Marketing Scheme, 1950(**b**);

And Whereas the Committee of Investigation have reported to the Ministers that certain acts or omissions of the Board administering the said Scheme are contrary to the interests of certain persons affected by the Scheme and are not in the public interest;

And Whereas, after considering the report and consulting the said Board, the Ministers have thought fit to direct the Board to take such steps to rectify certain of the matters complained of as are hereinafter specified;

Now therefore the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and 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 on them by subsection (6) of section 19 of the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1958, and of all other powers them enabling in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the British Wool Marketing Scheme (Directions) Order, 1958, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of May, 1959.

2. For the purposes of the proviso to sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 71 of the British Wool Marketing Scheme, 1950 (which provides that the Board shall give due consideration to any application by registered producers (made upon such notice as the Board may require) as to the persons to whom or the places to which the wool is to be delivered), the British Wool Marketing Board (hereinafter called the Board) shall require any such application to be made before the end of October in any calendar year and to relate to the delivery of wool on and after the first day of May in the calendar year next following that in which it is made.

3. The Board shall not have regard to the withdrawal of any such application as aforesaid unless notice of the withdrawal is given to the Board before the end of December in the calendar year in which the application was made.

4. Where a registered producer makes such an application as aforesaid or, before the end of December in the calendar year in which it was made, withdraws it, the Board shall, within 14 days of the receipt of the application or of the withdrawal, as the case may be, notify the person to whom that producer last delivered wool pursuant to a direction of the Board and the person specified in the application of the purport of the application or withdrawal.

(a) 6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 47. (b) S.I. 1950/1326 (1950 I, p. 72).

5. Nothing in Articles 2, 3 and 4 of this Order shall apply to an application that is concurred in by the person to whom the registered producer last delivered wool pursuant to a direction of the Board and by the person specified in the application.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this 11th day of December, 1958.

(L.S.) *John Hare,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this 12th day of December, 1958.

(L.S.) *John S. Maclay,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the Hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this 15th day of December, 1958.

R. A. Butler,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, which comes into operation on the 1st May, 1959, is made under section 19 of the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1958, and is consequent on a report made under that section by the Committee of Investigation for Great Britain.

The Order directs the British Wool Marketing Board, in prescribing the notice to be given by registered producers on making application for change of agent to whom they deliver wool, to require that the notice shall be given before the end of October in any year and shall relate to wool delivered on and after the first day of the following May. It also directs the Board to notify the existing agent and the proposed new one of any such application and of any withdrawal except a withdrawal lodged after the end of December in the year in which the application is made.