STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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AGRICULTURE

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

The Calf Subsidies (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1961

Laid before Parliament in draft
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The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, being the appropriate Minister in relation to a joint scheme for England and Wales and Northern Ireland, in pursuance of Section 1 of the Agriculture (Calf Subsidies) Act, 1952(a) and of all other powers him enabling, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following scheme, a draft of which has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

1. This scheme, which may be cited as the Calf Subsidies (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1961, shall apply to England and Wales and Northern Ireland.

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

(2) For the purposes of this scheme the limit of age at which an animal ceases to be a calf shall be the age when it cuts its first permanent incisor tooth.

3. Subject to the provisions of this scheme, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food may pay to the person who is the owner of a calf to which this scheme applies at the time when the calf is certified to be a calf of the description specified in this scheme—

(*a*) in the case of a heifer calf, a subsidy of £7 10s. 0d., or

(*b*) in the case of a steer calf, a subsidy of £9 5s. 0d.

4. The description of calf specified in this scheme is any steer or heifer calf, except a heifer calf of the Jersey, Guernsey, Friesian or Ayrshire breeds, which has been reasonably well reared and is suitable for further rearing for beef production or, if a heifer calf, for use for breeding for beef production, being in either case an animal which after further rearing and fattening would be likely after slaughter to yield a carcase of reasonably good quality beef.

5. A calf to which this scheme applies is a calf which—

(*a*) was born in the United Kingdom within the period beginning with 30th October, 1961 and ending with 29th October, 1964 and

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 62. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(*b*) has been certified by a person appointed for that purpose in England and Wales by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and in Northern Ireland by the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, to be of the description specified in the preceding paragraph, and

(*c*) was, at the time of certification, not less than 8 months old but had not attained the age at which it ceases to be a calf for the purposes of this scheme:

Provided that in the case of a calf born in the spring in a hill area where there is inadequate winter feed on the farm so that the calf must be sold in the following autumn, the minimum age at the time of certification shall be 6 months.

6. No payment shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this scheme in respect of any calf, unless the person certifying it to be of the description specified in this scheme has, after satisfying himself that it has not previously been marked for the purposes of a scheme under the Agriculture (Calf Subsidies) Act, 1952, marked it as having been so certified by a mark punched by him in its right ear.

7. It shall be a condition of the payment of a subsidy under this scheme that any person who desires to be paid in accordance with the provisions of this scheme—

(*a*) shall apply in writing in such form and at such time as in England and Wales the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and in Northern Ireland the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland may from time to time require:

(*b*) shall collect and properly secure the calves at a convenient place for the purposes of examination and marking, and shall assist the person appointed for those purposes.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this eighteenth day of July, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.)

Christopher Soames,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Approved this eighteenth day of July, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

John Hill,
Michael Hughes-Young,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme, made under the Agriculture (Calf Subsidies) Act, 1952, continues provision for the payment of subsidies in respect of certain kinds of calves born within the period specified in the Scheme. The Scheme, which relates to calves born within the period beginning with 30th October, 1961, and ending with 29th October, 1964, applies to England and Wales and Northern Ireland and makes provision for the payment of a subsidy in respect of any calf, except a heifer calf of the Jersey, Guernsey, Friesian and Ayrshire breeds, which is reasonably well-reared and likely to provide reasonably good quality beef. The amount of the subsidy is, if the calf is a heifer calf, £7 10s. 0d. or if it is a steer calf, £9 5s. 0d. The Scheme defines the age of the calves to which it applies and contains provisions for the examination of calves in respect of which application for payment has been made, and for the certifying of such calves as calves of a description to which the Scheme applies. It also contains provisions about the person to whom the subsidy may be paid and the time and manner of application for payment.

Except for the consequential advancing of dates, the terms of the Scheme are identical with those of the previous Scheme, namely, the Calf Subsidies (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1958 (S.I. 1958/1269), as amended by the Calf Subsidies (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (Variation) Scheme, 1959 (S.I. 1959/1171).