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AGRICULTURE

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRIES

The Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1965

Laid before Parliament in draft

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The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, being the appropriate Minister in relation to a joint scheme for the whole of the United Kingdom, in pursuance of section 1 of the Agriculture (Calf Subsidies) Act 1952(a) and of all other powers them enabling, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make 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 (United Kingdom) Scheme 1965, shall apply to the United Kingdom.

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 purpose 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 or the Secretary of State 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 born before 1st January 1965, a subsidy of £7 10s. 0d., or

(*b*) in the case of a heifer calf born on or after 1st January 1965, a subsidy of £8 0s. 0d., or

(*c*) in the case of a steer calf born before 1st January 1965, a subsidy of £9 15s. 0d., or

(*d*) in the case of a steer calf born on or after 1st January 1965, a subsidy of £10 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, or will after further rearing be, suitable

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 62. For change of title of the Minister, see S.I. 1955/554 (1955 I, p. 1200).
(b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

for beef production or, if a heifer calf, for use for breeding for beef production, being in any case an animal which, if slaughtered either immediately or after a period of further rearing and fattening, would be likely 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 1964 and ending with 29th October 1967 and

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

(*c*) had not, at the time of certification, attained the age at which it ceases to be a calf for the purposes of this scheme.

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, in Scotland the Secretary of State 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 on 16th June 1965.

(L.S.) *Frederick Peart,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 17th June 1965.

(L.S.) *William Ross,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Approved on 21st June 1965.

J. McCann,
Harriet Slater,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Scheme.)

This scheme continues provision for the payment of calf subsidies, and applies to steer and heifer calves born between 30th October 1964 and 29th October 1967. Unlike previous schemes, which applied separately to Scotland and to England and Wales and Northern Ireland, it embraces the United Kingdom.

Subsidies may be paid for calves (except Jersey, Guernsey, Friesian and Ayrshire heifers) which are reasonably well reared and likely to provide reasonably good quality beef. The amounts are £7 10s. 0d. and £9 15s. 0d. per head respectively for heifers and steers born in 1964, and £8 and £10 5s. 0d. respectively for those born in 1965 and later years. There are provisions as to examination, marking and certification of calves and applications for payment, and the subsidy is made payable to the person who is the owner at the date of certification.

The scheme differs from the previous schemes, namely the Calf Subsidies (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Scheme 1961 (S.I. 1961/1364), as amended (S.I. 1964/722), and the Calf Subsidies (Scotland) Scheme 1961 (S.I. 1961/1372), as amended (S.I. 1964/793), by making it clear that a calf which is ready for slaughter at the date of certification is eligible for subsidy, and in not providing for a minimum age limit. Otherwise, except for the dates and the increase in subsidy from 1965, the scheme is substantially the same as its predecessors.