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AGRICULTURE

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRIES

The Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) (Variation) Scheme 1975

Laid before Parliament in draft

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Coming into Operation	*27th March* 1975

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, being the appropriate Minister in relation to a joint scheme for the whole of the United Kingdom, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1 and 4 of the Agriculture (Calf Subsidies) Act 1952**(a)**, as amended by section 10 of the Agriculture Act 1967**(b)**, and by the said section 10, and now vested in them **(c)**, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following scheme:—

Citation, extent and commencement

1. This scheme, which may be cited as the Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) (Variation) Scheme 1975, shall apply to the United Kingdom and shall come into operation on the day after it is made.

Interpretation

2.—(1) This scheme shall be construed as one with the Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1974**(d)**, as varied **(e)**, which is referred to in this scheme as "the principal scheme".

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

(a) 1952 c. 62. **(b)** 1967 c. 22.
(c) *See* S.I. 1969/388 (1969 I, p. 1070). **(d)** S.I. 1974/630 (1974 I, p. 2503).
(e) S.I. 1974/1123, 1282 (1974 II, pp. 4273, 4885).
(f) 1889 c. 63.

Variation of principal scheme

3.—(1) The principal scheme shall be varied in accordance with the following provisions of this paragraph.

(2) For paragraph 4 of the principal scheme (which prescribes the rates of subsidy to be paid to owners of calves to which Part I of the principal scheme applies) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"*Rates of subsidy*

4. Subject to the provisions of this scheme, the Minister or the Secretary of State for Scotland may pay to the person who is the owner of a calf to which this part of this scheme applies at the time when the calf is certified to be a calf of the description specified in this part of this scheme—

(*a*) in the case of a calf born on or after the day on which this scheme comes into operation:

(i) being a heifer calf, a subsidy of £6·50, or

(ii) being a male calf, a subsidy of £8·50; and

(*b*) in the case of a calf born before the day on which this scheme comes into operation:

(i) being a heifer calf, a subsidy of £16·50, or

(ii) being a male calf, a subsidy of £18·50."

(3) Paragraph 5 of the principal scheme (which describes the calves which are eligible for payment of subsidy) shall be modified by the deletion of the words from "and which, in the case of an animal in Northern Ireland," to the end of the paragraph and the substitution therefor of the words "and which, in the case of an animal in Northern Ireland, either is without horns, other than rudimentary or stub horns, and without unhealed wounds caused by the removal of its horns or is exempted by the Horned Cattle (Exemptions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1967**(a)** from the provisions of section 20 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1965**(b)** (which section prohibits the sale in or exportation from Northern Ireland of horned cattle except in so far as they may be exempted by order under that section)".

(4) For paragraph 10 of the principal scheme (which prescribes the rates of subsidy to be paid to producers of carcases to which Part II of the principal scheme applies) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"*Amount of subsidy*

10. The rates of subsidy payable in respect of carcases of animals eligible for subsidy under this part of this scheme shall be—

(*a*) in the case of the carcase of an animal certified on or after 1st April 1976 as being so eligible:

(i) being the carcase of a heifer, £6·50, or

(ii) being the carcase of a male, £8·50; and

(*b*) in the case of the carcase of an animal certified on or after 16th December 1974 but before 1st April 1976 as being so eligible:

(i) being the carcase of a heifer, £16·50, or

(ii) being the carcase of a male, £18·50."

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 199. **(b)** 1965 c. 3. (N.I.).

(5) For paragraph 4 of the Schedule to the principal scheme (which specifies the carcases which are not eligible for payment of subsidy) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"**4.** *Ineligible carcases*

The following carcases are not eligible for payment of subsidy:

(*a*) carcases of bulls or other male cattle showing "bullish" characteristics except for the carcases of bulls and other male cattle meeting the qualifying standards in paragraph 3;

(*b*) carcases of cows;

(*c*) carcases of other female cattle which are or have been pregnant, except where, in the opinion of the certifying officer, the quality of the carcase has not been seriously depreciated by the pregnancy;

(*d*) carcases which are carcases of affected animals as defined in the Tuberculosis Order 1964**(a)**, the Tuberculosis (Scotland) Order 1964**(b)**, the Bovine Tuberculosis (Northern Ireland) Order 1935**(c)**, the Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1964**(d)**, the Tuberculosis Control (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1968**(e)**, the Tuberculosis Control (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973**(f)**, or any order amending or re-enacting these orders, or carcases of animals which have reacted to a tuberculin test or of animals which have been exposed to the infection of tuberculosis by contact with affected animals or with reactors, being in any case animals which are slaughtered under terms by which compensation is payable by the Minister, the Secretary of State or the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland and the affected animal, the reactor or the contact becomes his or their property, except that in Northern Ireland carcases of animals for which the owner receives carcase value only may be presented for certification;

(*e*) carcases of brucellosis reactor cattle or of cattle which have been exposed to the infection of brucellosis by contact with brucellosis reactor cattle being in either case cattle which are slaughtered under terms by which compensation is payable by the Minister, the Secretary of State or the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland and the reactor or contact becomes his or their property, except that in Northern Ireland carcases of animals for which the owner receives carcase value only may be presented for certification;

(*f*) carcases wholly condemned as unfit for human consumption."

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 26th March 1975.

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

(a) S.I. 1964/1151 (1964 II, p. 2634).
(b) S.I. 1964/1109 (1964 II, p. 2463).
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1935, No. 39.
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 31.
(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 236.
(f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 76.

William Ross,
26th March 1975. Secretary of State for Scotland.

John Morris,
26th March 1975. Secretary of State for Wales.

We approve, *M. Cocks,*
Donald R. Coleman,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
26th March 1975. of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Scheme.)

This Scheme further varies the Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1974 (as varied) by reducing the rates of subsidy payable in respect of calves born on or after 27th March 1975 and certified for subsidy, in the case of heifer calves, from £16·50 to £6·50 and, in the case of male calves, from £18·50 to £8·50.

The rates of subsidy payable in respect of calves born before 27th March 1975 and certified for subsidy remain unchanged.

This Scheme also makes horned cattle eligible for calf subsidy in Northern Ireland when they are exempt from dehorning under Northern Ireland law.

This Scheme also reduces the rates of subsidy payable in respect of carcases of animals certified for subsidy on or after 1st April 1976, in the case of heifers, from £16·50 to £6·50 and, in the case of males, from £18·50 to £8·50.

The rates of subsidy payable in respect of carcases of animals certified for subsidy before 1st April 1976 remain unchanged.

In addition, this Scheme makes the following changes in the provisions governing eligibility of carcases for payment of subsidy:

(*a*) the provision that carcases which have not been sold are not eligible for subsidy has been omitted; and

(*b*) carcases of animals which are tuberculosis reactors or contacts or brucellosis contacts are now (except in certain cases in Northern Ireland) ineligible for subsidy.

Minor drafting amendments have also been made.

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