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AGRICULTURE

GUARANTEED PRICES AND ASSURED MARKETS

The Cereals (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment) Order 1968

Made - - -	13*th May* 1968
Laid before Parliament	22*nd May* 1968
Coming into Operation	1*st July* 1968

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with agriculture in Scotland and Northern Ireland acting jointly in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 1 and 35(3) of the Agriculture Act 1957(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the consent of the Treasury and after consultation with such bodies of persons as appear to the said Ministers to represent the interests of producers of cereals, hereby make the following order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Cereals (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment) Order 1968, and shall come into operation on 1st July 1968.

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

Amendment of the principal order

2. The Cereals (Guarantee Payments) Order 1964(c), as amended (d), shall be further amended by substituting for articles 3 and 4 thereof the following articles:—

"3.—(1) In respect of each year there shall be determined for wheat and barley respectively—

(*a*) a guaranteed price per hundredweight; and

(*b*) a target indicator price, being a price per hundredweight determined by the Minister with the approval of the Treasury having regard to the minimum import price levels prescribed for wheat and barley respectively by order under section 1(2) of the Agriculture and Horticulture Act 1964(e).

(2) In respect of each year a standard quantity shall be determined for barley.

(3) In respect of each year the Minister shall ascertain in such manner and at such time as appears to him proper—

(a) 1957 c. 57. (b) 1889 c. 63.
(c) S.I. 1964/840 (1964 II, p. 1796). (d) S.I. 1966/484 (1966 I, p. 995).
(e) 1964 c. 28.

(*a*) for barley, the quantity produced (hereinafter referred to as "the annual production");

(*b*) for wheat and barley respectively, the average realised price per hundredweight obtained by producers.

4.—(1) The guarantee payment for wheat shall be the amount, if any, by which the guaranteed price exceeds the average realised price, or the target indicator price, whichever is the higher.

(2) If in any year the annual production of barley—

(*a*) is not less than the standard quantity, the guarantee payment shall be the amount, if any, by which the guaranteed price exceeds the average realised price, or the target indicator price, whichever is the higher, after that amount has been divided by the proportion that the annual production bears to the standard quantity;

(*b*) is less that the standard quantity, the guarantee payment shall be the amount, if any, by which the guaranteed price exceeds the average realised price:

Provided that where the annual production falls short of the standard quantity by less than such amount as may from time to time be determined by the Minister and the average realised price is lower than the target indicator price, any guarantee payment under sub-paragraph (*b*) of this paragraph shall be reduced by a proportion of the difference between the average realised price and the target indicator price arrived at in accordance with a scale determined by the Minister.".

3. The Cereals (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment) Order 1966(a) shall be amended by deleting therefrom sub-paragraph (b) of article 2 thereof.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 8th May 1968.

(L.S.) *Cledwyn Hughes,*

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 9th May 1968.

(L.S.) *William Ross,*

Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 9th May 1968.

James Callaghan,

Secretary of State for the Home Department.

(a) S.I. 1966/484 (1966 I, p. 995).

We consent
13th May 1968.

J. McCann,
E. Alan Fitch,

Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the order.)

This order further amends the Cereals (Guarantee Payments) Order 1964, as amended, and provides for changes in the arrangements for guarantee payments to producers of cereals following the determinations of the Ministers after a review held under section 2 of the Agriculture Act 1947.

The changes effected by this order relate only to wheat and barley. Provision is made for the abolition of the standard quantity for wheat, the ending of the arrangements under which, in certain circumstances, the deficiency payment on wheat or barley is increased if the average realised price exceeds the target indicator price, and the ending (for wheat but not for barley) of the arrangement under which, when annual production is below the standard quantity and the average realised price is below the target indicator price, the deficiency payment is abated within a range of production determined by the Ministers.

The provisions relating to rye, oats and mixed cereals remain unchanged.