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AGRICULTURE

GUARANTEED PRICES AND ASSURED MARKETS

The Cereals (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment) Order 1973

Made - - -	20*th March* 1973
Laid before Parliament	28*th March* 1973
Coming into Operation	1*st July* 1973

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (being the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with agriculture in Scotland and Northern Ireland) and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 1 and 35(3) of the Agriculture Act 1957(**a**), as read with the Transfer of Functions (Wales) Order 1969(**b**), 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 1973, and shall come into operation on 1st July 1973.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) 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 1971(**d**) shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) by deleting therefrom the word "rye" wherever it appears, so however that in relation to any period before the commencement of this order the said order of 1971 shall continue to operate as respects rye as if this order had not been made;

(**a**) 1957 c. 57.
(**b**) S.I. 1969/388 (1969 I, p. 1070).
(**c**) 1889 c. 63.
(**d**) S.I. 1971/289 (1971 I, p. 1002).

(*b*) by substituting in article 2(1) thereof—

(i) for the definitions of "guaranteed price", "target indicator price" and "average realised price" the following definitions:—

" 'guaranteed price' and 'average realised price' mean respectively the prices determined or ascertained pursuant to article 3 of this order;";

(ii) for the definition of "year" the following definition:—

" 'year' means the period beginning with 1st July 1973 and ending with 31st July 1974 and thereafter a period of twelve months beginning with the first day of August in any calendar year.";

(*c*) by substituting for articles 3 and 4 thereof the following articles:—

"3. In respect of each year the Minister shall—

(*a*) determine a guaranteed price per ton for wheat, barley and oats respectively;

(*b*) ascertain in such manner and at such time as appears to him proper the average realised prices per ton obtained by producers for wheat, barley and oats respectively.

4. The guaranteed payment for wheat, for barley and for oats respectively for any year shall be the amount, if any, by which the guaranteed price thereof exceeds the average realised price thereof.".

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 19th March 1973.

(L.S.)

Joseph Godber,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

7th March 1973.

Gordon Campbell,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

8th March 1973.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

8th March 1973.

Peter Thomas,
Secretary of State for Wales.

We consent.

Hugh Rossi,
P. L. Hawkins,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

20th March 1973.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order amends the Cereals (Guarantee Payments) Order 1971 and provides for changes in the arrangements for guarantee payments to producers of cereals.

The changes effected by the order abolish the target indicator price arrangements for wheat and barley; re-define the cereals year to commence, in 1974 and thereafter, on 1st August and provide for the determination of guaranteed prices by reference to a ton instead of a cwt.

As a result of the removal of rye from the guarantee arrangements by the Common Agricultural Policy (Termination of Guarantee Arrangements) (Fat Cattle and Rye) Order 1973 (S.I. 1973/351) references to rye have been deleted from the order.

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