STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 439

AGRICULTURE

EGGS MARKETING

The Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1971

Made - - - -	17*th March* 1971
Laid before Parliament	25*th March* 1971
Coming into Operation	28*th March* 1971

Whereas the Eggs Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority"), constituted under section 2 of the Agriculture Act 1970(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), have prepared and submitted to the Ministers hereinafter named, pursuant to section 13(1) of the Act, an estimate of the amounts required to be raised by levy for the period beginning with 28th March 1971 and ending with 1st April 1972 (hereinafter referred to as "the relevant accounting period") for the purposes of the functions respectively of the Authority under Part I of the Act , subject to section 10 of the Act, referred to in paragraphs (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) of the said section 13(1):

And whereas pursuant to paragraph (*a*) of section 13(2) of the Act the Ministers have determined that the respective amounts to be raised by levy for the relevant accounting period shall be £151,400 for the purposes of the functions referred to in paragraph (*a*) of section 13(1) of the Act, £500,000 for the purposes of the functions referred to in paragraph (*b*) of that section and £290,000 for the purposes of the functions referred to in paragraph (*c*) of that section:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Wales, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State concerned with agriculture in Northern Ireland, acting jointly in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 13(2)(b) of the Act and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1971, and shall come into operation on 28th March 1971.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this order "eggs" means eggs in shell laid by domestic fowls in the United Kingdom.

(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.

(**a**) 1970 c. 40. (**b**) 1889 c. 63.

Rate of levy and related matters

3.—(1) The rate of levy for the relevant accounting period, which appears to the Ministers to be sufficient (but not more than sufficient) to meet the aggregate of the amounts determined by the Ministers under paragraph (*a*) of section 13(2) of the Act shall be 0·16p per dozen eggs in respect of which a payment would, apart from section 15 of the Act, fall to be made in respect of the relevant accounting period in pursuance of an order under section 1 of the Agriculture Act 1957(a).

(2) The rate of levy specified above is attributable as to 0·026p, 0·085p and 0·049p respectively to functions referred to in paragraphs (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) of section 13(1) of the Act.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 11th March 1971.

(L.S.)

J. M. L. Prior,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under my hand on 15th March 1971.

Peter Thomas,
Secretary of State for Wales.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 16th March 1971.

(L.S.)

Gordon Campbell,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 17th March 1971.

R. Maudling,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

(a) 1957 c. 57.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order specifies, in respect of eggs laid by domestic fowls in the United Kingdom, the rate of levy to be raised in respect of the accounting period beginning with 28th March 1971 and ending with 1st April 1972 to meet the aggregate of the amounts determined by the Ministers for the purpose of financing the functions of the Eggs Authority referred to in paragraphs (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) respectively of section 13(1) of the Agriculture Act 1970. It also specifies how much of the rate is attributable to the functions referred to in each respectively of those paragraphs.

The order provides for the specified rate of levy to apply to those eggs in respect of which a deficiency payment would, apart from section 15 of the Agriculture Act 1970, fall to be made in respect of the accounting period in pursuance of an order under section 1 of the Agriculture Act 1957.

The levy will be imposed in accordance with section 15 of the Agriculture Act 1970 which provides for deduction from egg deficiency payments.