STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1985 No. 311

AGRICULTURE

EGGS MARKETING

The Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1985

Made - - - -	*22nd February* 1985
Laid before Parliament	*11th March* 1985
Coming into Operation	*1st April* 1985

Whereas, pursuant to section 13(1) of the Agriculture Act 1970(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") the Eggs Authority have prepared and submitted to the Ministers hereinafter named an estimate of the amounts required to be raised by levy for the period beginning with 1st April 1985 and ending with 31st March 1986 (hereinafter referred to as "the accounting period") for the purposes of their functions under section 13(1)(*a*) and (*c*) of the Act, including the powers conferred by section 10 thereof;

And whereas, pursuant to section 13(4) of the Act the said Ministers, having consulted with such organisations as appear to them to represent the interests of producers, and with such other organisations as they consider appropriate having regard to the fact that the levy for the accounting period will be imposed on persons other than producers, have determined that the respective amounts to be raised by levy for the accounting period shall be £446,600 for the purposes of the functions referred to in section 13(1)(*a*) of the Act and £2,541,400 for the purposes of the functions referred to in section 13(1)(*c*) thereof.

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 on them by section 13(2)(*b*) and (6) of the Act and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1985, and shall come into operation on 1st April 1985.

Interpretation

2. In this Order "chicks" means pullet chicks of domestic fowls being chicks which have been hatched for not more than 72 hours.

(**a**) 1970 c. 40.

Rate of Levy and related matters

3.—(1) The rate of levy for the 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 section 13(2)(*a*) of the Act for the purposes of the functions referred to in section 13(1)(*a*) and (*c*) thereof, shall be £9.00 per hundred chicks determined in accordance with the provisions of the Eggs Authority Levy Scheme 1974 set forth in the Schedule to the Eggs Authority Levy Scheme (Approval) Order 1974(**a**).

(2) The rate of levy specified above is attributable as to £1.34 and £7.66 respectively to functions referred to in paragraphs (*a*) 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 13th February 1985.

L.S.

Michael Jopling,
Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

21st February 1985.

George Younger,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

19th February 1985.

Douglas Hurd,
Secretary of State for
Northern Ireland.

22nd February 1985.

(**a**) S.I. 1974/605.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order fixes the rate of levy payable to the Eggs Authority, during the twelve months from 1st April 1985 to 31st March 1986, by hatchers and importers of pullet chicks for the production of eggs, in accordance with the Eggs Authority Levy Scheme 1974.

The rate of levy is £9.00 per hundred chicks (the equivalent rate of levy for the twelve months from 1st April 1984 to 31st March 1985 having been £8.50 per hundred chicks). The Order specifies how much of the rate is attributable to the functions of the Eggs Authority referred to respectively in paragraphs (*a*) and (*c*) of section 13(1) of the Agriculture Act 1970.

The Order, which applies throughout the United Kingdom, comes into operation on 1st April 1985.

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