GUARANTEED PRICES AND ASSURED MARKETS

1960 No. 427

The Eggs (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1960

Made - - - -	15*th March*, 1960
Laid before Parliament	18*th March*, 1960
Coming into Operation	3*rd April*, 1960

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 section one and subsection (3) of section thirty-six 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 the producers of eggs, hereby make the following Order :—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Eggs (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1960; and shall come into operation on the 3rd day of April, 1960.

(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.

2. The Eggs (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1957(c), shall be amended as follows :—

(*a*) by deleting from paragraph (1) of Article 2 thereof the definition of licensed packer;

(*b*) by substituting for Article 7 thereof the following Article :—

"7.—(1) If in any year the ascertained average selling price of hen eggs or duck eggs respectively is higher than the estimated average selling price thereof, the Board shall, in respect of each dozen hen eggs packed by or on behalf of the Board or each dozen duck eggs purchased by the Board, as the case may be, in that year, pay to the appropriate Minister one-quarter of the difference and hold three-tenths of the difference in reserve to be dealt with in such manner as may be provided for by any arrangement in that behalf made between the Ministers and the Board, or, if no such arrangement has been made, in such manner as the Ministers may direct.

(2) If in any year the estimated average selling price of hen eggs or duck eggs respectively is higher than the ascertained average selling

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 57. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) S.I. 1957/1125 (1957 I, p. 89).

price thereof, the appropriate Minister may, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of any arrangement made or direction given in pursuance of paragraph (1) of this Article as respects any sums held in reserve by the Board, pay to the Board in respect of each dozen hen eggs packed by or on behalf of the Board, or each dozen duck eggs purchased by the Board, as the case may be, in that year six-tenths of so much of the difference as does not exceed sixpence and nine-tenths of so much of the difference as exceeds sixpence."

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this eleventh day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty.

(L.S.) *John Hare,*

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this fourteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty.

(L.S.) *John S. Maclay,*

Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this fourteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty.

R. A. Butler,

Secretary of State for the Home Department.

We consent this fifteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty.

Michael Hughes-Young,

R. Brooman-White,

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order amends the Eggs (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1957, and makes revised arrangements for the adjustment of guarantee payments to the British Egg Marketing Board, in respect of hen eggs and duck eggs, related to any difference between the estimated and ascertained average selling prices.