STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1964 No. 462

AGRICULTURE

GUARANTEED PRICES AND ASSURED MARKETS

The Eggs (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order 1964

Made - - - -	24*th March* 1964
Laid before Parliament	26*th March* 1964
Coming into Operation	29*th March* 1964

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 on them by sections 1, 35(3) and 36(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 the producers of duck eggs, hereby make the following order:—

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Eggs (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order 1964; and shall come into operation on 29th March 1964.

(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, and as if this order and the orders hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

2. The Eggs (Guaranteed Prices) Order 1963(c) shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) by inserting in article 2(1) thereof immediately after the definition of the Board the following definition:—

"'duck eggs' means eggs in shell laid by domestic ducks in the United Kingdom;";

(*b*) by substituting for article 3 thereof the following article:—

"*Guarantee Standards*

3. This order shall apply to such hen eggs and duck eggs respectively as conform to the standards and conditions specified by the Ministers in the light of their conclusions from a review held under section 2 of the Agriculture Act 1947(d).";

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 57.
(b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) S.I. 1963/569 (1963 I, p. 655).
(d) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.

(*c*) by substituting for article 4 thereof the following article:—

"4. In respect of each year the Ministers shall with the consent of the Treasury, in the light of their aforesaid conclusions and subject to such terms and conditions as they may specify, determine in respect of hen eggs and duck eggs respectively—

(*a*) a guaranteed price;

(*b*) an indicator price, being an estimate by the Ministers of the average price to be received by the Board on the sale of hen eggs or duck eggs, as the case may be, on the basis that production thereof is sufficient but not excessive having regard to the national demand therefor and, in the case of hen eggs, to normal imports into the United Kingdom during the year of hen eggs produced outside;

being in each case a price per dozen:

Provided that, in the case of hen eggs, the Ministers may in the light of their aforesaid conclusions make such reduction in the indicator price as appears to the Ministers, with the approval of the Treasury, to be appropriate having regard to any increase above a normal level of imports into the United Kingdom, during any part of the year, of hen eggs produced outside and to the prices received by the Board during the same period and throughout the year.";

(*d*) by inserting in article 5 thereof after the words "hen eggs" the words "and duck eggs respectively";

(*e*) by inserting in article 6 thereof after the word "packed" the words "or each dozen duck eggs purchased by the Board, as the case may be,";

(*f*) by substituting for article 7 thereof the following article:—

"7.—(1) If for any year the average selling price of hen eggs or duck eggs respectively is higher than the indicator price thereof, the Board shall pay to the Minister two-thirds of the difference in respect of each dozen hen eggs packed or each dozen duck eggs purchased by the Board, as the case may be, in that year:

Provided that in the case of hen or duck eggs, as the case may be, the total amount payable by the Board to the Minister under this paragraph shall not exceed the total amount which may be paid by the Minister to the Board under article 6 hereof in respect of the same year.

(2) If for any of the years before 30th March 1969 the indicator price of hen eggs or duck eggs, as the case may be, is higher than the average selling price thereof, the Minister may pay to the Board in respect of each dozen hen eggs packed or each dozen duck eggs purchased by the Board, as the case may be, in that year the proportion of the difference specified in relation to that year in the Schedule to this order."

3. The Eggs (Guaranteed Prices) Order 1957(a) and the Eggs (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order 1960(b) are hereby revoked.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 20th March 1964.

(L.S.)

Christopher Soames,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 20th March 1964.

(L.S.)

Michael Noble,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 23rd March 1964.

Henry Brooke,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

We consent
24th March 1964.

John Hill,
M. A. Hamilton,
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 amending order has the effect of extending to duck eggs, as from 29th March 1964, the arrangements for the provision of guaranteed prices already made for hen eggs by the Eggs (Guaranteed Prices) Order 1963, save that no provision is made for any adjustment in consequence of abnormal imports of duck eggs.

The new arrangements replace those made for duck eggs by the Eggs (Guaranteed Prices) Order 1957, as amended.

(a) S.I. 1957/1125 (1957 I, p. 89). (b) S.I. 1960/427 (1960 I, p. 93).