Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this twenty-seventh day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

G. Lloyd-George,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Approved this twenty-seventh day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

Martin Redmayne,
Harwood Harrison,
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 extends for a further year to 5th August, 1957, the period during which the Orders made under section 4 of the Agriculture Act, 1947, and providing for guaranteed prices and assured markets for producers of produce mentioned in the First Schedule to that Act, shall have effect.

This Order has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament in pursuance of section 7 of the Act.

1956 No. 364

The Eggs (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1956

Made - - - - 20*th February*, 1956
Coming into Operation 1*st April*, 1956

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for the Home Department (being the Secretaries of State concerned with Agriculture in Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively) in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Section 4 of the Agriculture Act, 1947(a), and of all other powers them enabling in that behalf after consultation with such bodies of persons as appear to each of them to represent the interests of producers of eggs and with the approval of the Treasury, hereby jointly make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Eggs (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1956; and shall come into operation on the first day of April, 1956.

2.—(1) In this Order except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say:—

"The appropriate Minister" means in relation to any part of the United Kingdom, the Minister concerned with agriculture therein or the Ministers.

"The Ministers" means the Ministers concerned with agriculture in the United Kingdom acting jointly.

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.

"Appropriate seasonal support price" means a price specified by the Ministers pursuant to Article 4 of this Order.

"Licensed buyer", "licensed collector", and "licensed packer" mean respectively persons licensed as such by or on behalf of the appropriate Minister.

"Producer" includes any person having under his care, control or management domestic fowls or domestic ducks.

"Support Price" means a price specified by the Ministers in the light of their conclusions from a review held under Part I of the Agriculture Act, 1947.

"Year" means a period of 52 or 53 weeks commencing with the Sunday nearest to the thirty-first day of March in any calendar year.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. This Order shall apply to such hen eggs and duck eggs as conform to the standards and conditions prescribed by the Ministers in the light of their conclusions from a review held under Part I of the Agriculture Act, 1947.

4.—(1) The Ministers shall, with the approval of the Treasury, in the light of their aforesaid conclusions and subject to such terms and conditions as they may prescribe, specify, in respect of each year a support price per dozen for hen eggs and for duck eggs respectively.

(2) The Ministers may convert the support prices specified as aforesaid in respect of any year into such seasonal support prices within such period and for such description of eggs as they may prescribe.

5. Subject to such terms and conditions as the appropriate Minister may prescribe a licensed packer, a licensed buyer or a licensed collector shall buy all eggs which are offered to him at the appropriate seasonal support prices by a producer and may buy eggs so offered to him at any higher price.

6. Subject to such terms and conditions as the appropriate Minister may prescribe a licensed buyer or a licensed collector shall offer all eggs purchased by him from producers in accordance with Article 5 hereof to a licensed packer who shall buy all eggs which are offered to him at the appropriate seasonal support prices by a licensed buyer or a licensed collector and may buy eggs so offered to him at any higher price.

7. The appropriate Minister may, if he thinks fit and subject to such terms and conditions as he may from time to time prescribe,

(1) buy any eggs offered to him by a licensed packer at a price which shall include the appropriate seasonal support price and in addition such allowances as the appropriate Minister shall, with the approval of the Treasury, prescribe; and

(2) pay to a licensed packer in respect of eggs otherwise disposed of by him a sum representing the difference between the appropriate seasonal support price at the time such eggs were bought from a producer in accordance with Article 5 hereof together with such allowances as the appropriate Minister may, with the approval of the Treasury, prescribe and such prices as the appropriate Minister may from time to time determine to be the relevant current prices on sales of eggs by a licensed packer.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

8. The appropriate Minister shall dispose of all eggs bought in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 7 hereof in such manner and in accordance with such terms and conditions as he may from time to time determine provided that where any such eggs are processed by or on behalf of the appropriate Minister, the terms and conditions of such processing and of the subsequent disposal of the product shall be subject to the approval of the Treasury.

9. Licensed buyers, licensed collectors and licensed packers shall keep such records as the appropriate Minister may from time to time prescribe and such records shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times by any duly authorised officer, servant or agent of the appropriate Minister or of the Comptroller and Auditor-General.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this twentieth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.)

D. Heathcoat Amory,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this twentieth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.)

James Stuart,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this twentieth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

G. Lloyd-George,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Approved this twentieth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

Martin Redmayne,
R. H. M. Thompson,
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 provides under section four of the Agriculture Act, 1947, for the provision by means of support price arrangements of guaranteed prices for hen eggs and duck eggs from the first of April, 1956.

This Order has been approved by resolutions of each House of Parliament in pursuance of section seven of the Act.