1956 No. 399

The Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment) Order, 1956

Made - - - -	*20th March*, 1956
Laid before Parliament	*23rd March*, 1956
Coming into Operation	*26th March*, 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 3 of the Agriculture Act, 1947(**a**), and of all other powers them enabling in that behalf and with the approval of the Treasury, hereby jointly order as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment) Order, 1956; and shall come into operation on the twenty-sixth day of March, 1956.

2. The Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) Order, 1955(**b**) shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) By adding after sub-paragraph (ii) of the proviso to paragraph (3) of article four thereof the following sub-paragraph—

"(iii) any rate calculated in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph shall be increased or reduced for any week in which the average return to producers determined in accordance with article six of this Order, for the appropriate guarantee class, is respectively below or above the lower or higher limit of such range of prices as may be specified for that class, by

(*a*) in the case of live cattle, live sheep, carcases of sheep and carcases of pigs, the addition or subtraction of the difference between the said average return and such lower or higher limit as the case may be:

(*b*) in the case of carcases of cattle, the amount for live cattle under (*a*) above converted to pence per pound on the basis that sixpence per live hundredweight is equivalent to 0·1 pence per pound deadweight:

(*c*) in the case of live pigs, the amount for carcases of pigs under (*a*) above converted (to the nearest penny) to pence per score liveweight on the basis of such killing-out percentage as the appropriate Minister may from time to time prescribe for that purpose."

(*b*) by substituting for articles five and six thereof respectively the following articles:—

"5. In respect of each guarantee period within the meaning of the last foregoing article and each guarantee class, the appropriate Minister shall determine the average price for that class over such period of fifty-two weeks ending before the guarantee period in question as appears to him appropriate, being a price—

(*a*) in the case of any class of cattle, per live hundredweight:

(**a**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48. (**b**) S.I. 1955/462 (1955 I, p. 93).

(*b*) in the case of any class of sheep, per pound estimated deadweight:

(*c*) in the case of any class of pigs, per score deadweight,

calculated in such manner as appears to him proper by reference to the aggregate of the prices received in respect of, and the aggregate weight of, animals and carcases of that class sold during the averaging period, and by taking into account any payment made by way of quality premium under article nine of this Order and any adjustment made under proviso (iii) to paragraph (3) of article four of this Order."

"6. The appropriate Minister shall in each week and in respect of each guarantee class determine the average return to producers, such average return being a price:

(*a*) in the case of any class of cattle, to the nearest sixpence per live hundredweight:

(*b*) in the case of any class of sheep, to the nearest farthing per pound dressed carcaseweight:

(*c*) in the case of any class of pigs, to the nearest penny per score deadweight,

calculated in such manner as appears to him proper by reference to the prices received in respect of animals and carcases of that class sold during the week and including, for this purpose, the appropriate rate of guarantee determined under article four of this Order."

(*c*) by deleting articles seven and eight thereof.

(*d*) by substituting for paragraphs (1) and (2) of article eleven thereof the following paragraphs:—

"(1) The standard price for any guarantee class for the purposes of article four of this Order may be specified either—

(*a*) in the form of a single price for the whole of the United Kingdom; or

(*b*) for the purposes of certifications in different regions in the form of different prices for those different regions.

(2) The appropriate Minister may determine the average price to producers and the average return to producers under articles five and six respectively of this Order, either—

(*a*) by reference to sales in all parts of the United Kingdom; or

(*b*) for the purposes of payments under article four of this Order in respect of animals or carcases certified in a particular region, by reference only to sales in that region

as may appear to him proper."

(*e*) by deleting paragraphs (3) and (4) of article eleven thereof.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this sixteenth day of March, 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 seventeenth day of March, 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 nineteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

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

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

Gerald Wills,
E. B. Wakefield,
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 Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) Order, 1955, made under Section Four of the Agriculture Act, 1947, in accordance with the conclusions of Ministers after reviews held under Section Two of that Act.

It varies the arrangements made under the 1955 Order by abolishing individual and deadweight guarantee payments and by introducing a system of stabilising adjustments to the guarantees designed to ensure that the average weekly returns to producers for each guarantee class of fatstock are within specified ranges.

1956 No. 1704

The Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1956

Made - - - - 23*rd October,* 1956
Coming into Operation 5*th November,* 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 four and section one hundred and eight 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 them to represent the interests of producers of fatstock and with the approval of the Treasury, hereby jointly make the following Order :—

1. This Order may be cited as the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1956 ; and shall come into operation on the fifth day of November, 1956.

2. The Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) Order, 1955(b) as amended by the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment) Order, 1956(c), shall be further

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48. (b) S.I. 1955/462 (1955 I, p. 93). (c) S.I. 1956/399 (p. 126 above).