STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 508

AGRICULTURE

GUARANTEED PRICES AND ASSURED MARKETS

The Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment) Order, 1961

Made - - - -	*20th March*, 1961
Laid before Parliament	*23rd March*, 1961
Coming into Operation	*27th March*, 1961

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-five of the Agriculture Act, 1957(a), and of all other powers them enabling 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 producers of fatstock, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment) Order, 1961; and shall come into operation on the 27th day of March, 1961.

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.

3. The Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) Order, 1960(c), shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) by substituting for article 5 the following article—

"5. A guaranteed price shall be determined in respect of each guarantee period and each guarantee class—

Provided that in the case of fat pigs any such guaranteed price shall be related—

(*a*) to a price per hundredweight of a basic feedingstuffs ration determined in respect of the guarantee period;

(*b*) to a basic quantity of certified pigs determined in respect of the guarantee period in the light of the conclusions of the Ministers from a review held under section 2 of the Agriculture Act, 1947(d)."

(*b*) by substituting for article 7 the following article—

"7.—(1) The Minister shall—

(*a*) ascertain in respect of each week of each guarantee period an average price per hundredweight of the basic feedingstuffs ration, such price to be ascertained by reference to the prices of the basic feedingstuffs during such period as may be determined by the Minister; and

(*b*) estimate in respect of each such week the current annual rate of certifications of fat pigs, such rate to be estimated with reference to a period of 52 consecutive weeks (to include the week in respect of which the estimate is made) to be determined by the Minister in each case.

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 57.
(b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) S.I. 1960/428 (1960 I, p. 95).
(d) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.

(2) The standard price for any guarantee class of fat pigs for any week shall be the guaranteed price for that guarantee class, to which shall be added or from which shall be subtracted—

(*a*) one penny per score for each penny per hundredweight by which the average price of the basic feedingstuffs ration ascertained in relation to that week in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) (*a*) of this article exceeded or, as the case may be, was less than the price determined for that ration in accordance with article 5 of this Order;

(*b*) a sum per score related to the amount by which the current annual rate of certifications estimated in relation to that week pursuant to sub-paragraph (1) (*b*) of this article was below or, as the case may be, was above the basic quantity of certified fat pigs determined in accordance with article 5 of this Order, such sum to be fixed in accordance with a scale to be determined in respect of each guarantee period in the light of the conclusions of the Ministers from a review held under section 2 of the Agriculture Act, 1947.

(3) The higher and lower stabilising limits for any guarantee class of fat pigs for any week shall be respectively ascertained by adding to and subtracting from the standard price for that week as ascertained in accordance with paragraph (2) of this article such a sum as may be determined by the Minister in either case.".

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 sixty-one.

(L.S.)

Christopher Soames,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

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

(L.S.)

John S. Maclay,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

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

R. A. Butler,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

We consent this twentieth day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

Michael Hughes-Young,
W. S. I. Whitelaw,
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, 1960, in relation to fat pigs, in accordance with the conclusions of Ministers after a review held under section 2 of the Agriculture Act, 1947.

It makes provision for the guaranteed price to be related to a basic quantity of certified fat pigs and for variation of the price where the current annual rate of certifications as assessed from time to time rises above or falls below the basic quantity.