STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1968 No. 398

AGRICULTURE

GUARANTEED PRICES AND ASSURED MARKETS

The Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment) Order 1968

Made - - -	*13th March* 1968
Laid before Parliament	*26th March* 1968
Coming into Operation	*1st April* 1968

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 sections 1, 9(4) and 35(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 producers of fatstock, hereby make the following order:—

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment) Order 1968; and shall come into operation on 1st April 1968.

(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 Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) Order 1964(c) shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) by deleting article 14 thereof (which empowers the Minister to provide a separate guaranteed price for pigs of a quality premium grade);

(*b*) by substituting for sub-paragraph (*b*) of article 15(3) thereof the following sub-paragraph:—

" (*b*) the producer has made a declaration that it has been sold by private treaty; or ";

(*c*) by substituting for paragraph (4) of article 15 thereof the following paragraph:—

" (4) No carcase shall be certified unless the producer has made a declaration that—

(*a*) it has been sold; or

(*b*) it will be sold by or on behalf of the producer in a butchery business and is not intended for consumption in the producer's household; or

(*c*) it has been or will be transferred by the producer from the carcase owner's agricultural undertaking to another undertaking (not being an agricultural undertaking) in the same ownership for consumption therein.

In any case where a declaration has been made pursuant to sub-paragraph (*c*) above the carcase shall not be certified unless the Minister is satisfied that the carcase owner's agricultural undertaking is managed as a separate concern.";

(a) 1957 c. 57.
(b) 1889 c. 63.
(c) S.I. 1964/463 (1964 I, p. 746).

(*d*) by inserting immediately after article 16 thereof the following article:—

"16A. The Minister may, to such extent and in such manner as he may from time to time direct, delegate to the Meat and Livestock Commission (established under section 1 of the Agriculture Act 1967(a)) any of the functions in relation to Great Britain (other than the function of determining guaranteed prices or factors relevant to the operation of such prices) conferred or imposed on him by this order.";

(*e*) by substituting in Part IV of the Schedule thereto for the words "articles 12 and 14" the words "article 12" and in sub-paragraph (*b*) of that Part for the words "articles 13(1) and 14" the words "article 13(1)" and by deleting in that sub-paragraph the words "as the case may be".

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 8th March 1968.

(L.S.)

Frederick Peart,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 12th March 1968.

(L.S.)

William Ross,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 12th March 1968.

James Callaghan,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

We consent
13th March 1968.

B. K. O'Malley,
E. Alan Fitch,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This order amends the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) Order 1964 to enable the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland to delegate to the Meat and Livestock Commission in Great Britain certain of the functions conferred or imposed on them by that order.

It deletes article 14 of that order, which empowered the provision of a separate guaranteed price for pigs of a quality premium grade.

It also makes minor amendments to certification procedures.

(a) 1967 c. 22.