Commencement and citation

5. This direction shall come into operation on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and may be cited as the Coal Distribution (Restriction) Direction, 1955.

Dated this twenty-first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

Geoffrey Lloyd,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the direction, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This direction specifies, subject to certain exceptions mentioned in paragraph 3, the maximum aggregate quantities of various classes of coal which may be furnished or acquired between 1st May, 1955, and 30th April, 1956, for consumption in controlled premises, as defined in the Coal Distribution Order, 1943.

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(2) FOOD CONTROL

(i) *Livestock.* | (ii) *Specified Foods Controlled,* p. 2505.

(i) LIVESTOCK

1955 No. 852

The Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) (Marking) Order, 1955

Made - - - -	14*th June,* 1955
Laid before Parliament	17*th June,* 1955
Coming into Operation	20*th June,* 1955

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by Regulation 55 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945(**a**) (as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947(**b**) and the Supplies and Services (Defence Purposes) Act, 1951(**c**) and continued in force by the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1954(**d**)), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) (Marking) Order, 1955; and shall come into operation on the 20th day of June, 1955.

2. In this Order:—

"The Minister" means in relation to Scotland the Secretary of State and in relation to other parts of the United Kingdom the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10 and S.R. & O. 1945/1611, 1618 (1945 II, pp. 39, 48).
(**b**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55.
(**c**) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 25.
(**d**) S.I. 1954/1559 (1954 II, p. 2038).

"Approved animal" means an animal approved by a certifying officer at a liveweight certification centre as eligible for guarantee payments and which

(i) has been sold by auction at that liveweight certification centre, or,

(ii) has been sold by private treaty for slaughter or for further fattening, or

(iii) is to be slaughtered for sale in the producer's own butchery business.

"Certified" means approved as being eligible for the purpose of fatstock guarantee payments.

"Certifying Officer" means a person approved by the Minister to act at a liveweight certification centre for the purpose of certifying fatstock as eligible for guarantee payments.

"Liveweight Certification Centre" means a livestock market or other place approved by the Minister for the certification of fatstock.

"Producer" includes any person in whose name fatstock are presented at a liveweight certification centre.

3. Every approved animal shall before being removed from a liveweight certification centre at which it has been approved be permanently marked on the instructions and under the supervision of the Certifying Officer in the following manner:—

(*a*) Home-bred cattle with a circular hole of approximately half an inch diameter in the left ear;

(*b*) Imported cattle with a circular hole of approximately half an inch diameter in the right ear;

(*c*) Home-bred sheep with a green tattoo mark consisting of a rectangular pattern of dots on the right ear or both a circular hole of approximately a quarter of an inch diameter and a green tattoo mark on the right ear;

(*d*) Imported sheep with a green tattoo mark consisting of a rectangular pattern of dots on the left ear or both a circular hole of approximately a quarter of an inch diameter and a green tattoo mark on the left ear;

(*e*) Pigs with a slap mark on the right shoulder or both a circular hole of approximately a quarter of an inch diameter and a green tattoo mark on the right ear.

4. No person shall—

(i) remove from a liveweight certification centre any approved animal unless and until such animal has been marked in accordance with Article 3 of this Order;

(ii) prevent an approved animal from being marked in accordance with Article 3 of this Order;

(iii) with intent to deceive, alter or deface any mark placed on an approved animal in accordance with Article 3 of this Order;

(iv) present for certification any animal or carcase of an animal which has been previously certified and which bears any of the marks prescribed in paragraphs (*a*) to (*e*) of Article 3 of this Order;

(v) use or cause to be used for breeding any animal which bears any of the marks prescribed in paragraphs (*a*) to (*e*) of Article 3 of this Order.

5.—(1) The provisions of this Order are subject to any direction which may at any time be given by or on behalf of the Minister, and to any licence or authorisation which may be granted by or on behalf of the Minister under this Order.

(2) Every person holding a licence or authorisation granted under this Order shall comply with every condition imposed by such licence or authorisation.

(3) Every licence or authorisation granted under this Order is and shall remain the property of the Minister; and the licensee or any person in possession of any such licence or authorisation shall, if requested to do so by or on behalf of the Minister, produce or deliver it to such person or to a person of such class or description, and within such time as may be specified in the request.

(4) Any reference to the Fatstock (Guaranteed Prices) (Marking) Order, 1954(a) in any document issued by or on behalf of the Minister shall, unless a contrary intention appears, be construed as a reference to this Order.

6. Infringements of this Order are offences against the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

7. The Fatstock (Guaranteed Prices) (Marking) Order, 1954 is hereby revoked but without prejudice to any proceedings in respect of any contravention thereof.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this 14th day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.) *D. Heathcoat Amory,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this 14th day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.) *James Stuart,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order which revokes and replaces the Fatstock (Guaranteed Prices) (Marking) Order, 1954 provides for the marking of fat cattle, and for new alternative marking of fat sheep and fat pigs which have been approved at livestock certification centres as eligible for guarantee payments.

The presentation for certification of any animal or carcase which has been previously certified and which bears any of the prescribed marks and the use of animals bearing prescribed marks for breeding is prohibited.

(a) S.I. 1954/872 (1954 II, p. 2066).