(vii) LIVESTOCK

1954 No. 872

The Fatstock (Guaranteed Prices) (Marking) Order, 1954

Made - - - -	28*th June*, 1954
Laid before Parliament	30*th June*, 1954
Coming into Operation	1*st July*, 1954

The Minister of Food, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him 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, 1953(**d**)), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Fatstock (Guaranteed Prices) (Marking) Order, 1954; and shall come into operation on the 1st day of July, 1954.

2. In this Order—

"The Minister" means the Minister of Food.

"Approved animal" means an animal approved by a certifying officer at a liveweight certification centre as eligible for guaranteed prices 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.

"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 guaranteed prices.

"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 or 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;

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10 and S.R. & O. 1945/1618 (1945 II, p. 48).
(b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55. (c) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 25. (d) S.I. 1953/1767 (1953 II, p. 1970).

(*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;

(*d*) Imported sheep with a green tattoo mark consisting of a rectangular pattern of dots on the left ear;

(*e*) Pigs with a slap mark on the right shoulder or a branded circle on the top of the neck.

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; or

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

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

5. No person shall 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.

6.—(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.

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

G. Lloyd-George,
Minister of Food.

Dated the 28th day of June, 1954.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order provides for the marking of fat cattle, fat sheep and fat pigs which are approved at livestock markets as eligible for guaranteed prices and prohibits the use for breeding purposes of any animals so marked.