completion by the person on whom the notice is served a form on the pattern set out in the Second Schedule to the Regulations. Not all of the information will be needed simultaneously; there is, therefore, provision for variation so that the particular form to be annexed to any notice can be devised by the Secretary of State according to the season of the year and other considerations. The form, and any copy thereof, when completed with the required information, will be sent to the Secretary of State or such officer or servant authorised by him as may be specified in the notice.

These Regulations come into operation on 1st December, 1948, and as from that date the Order under which statistical information is at present obtained (The Agricultural Returns (Scotland) Order, 1939—S.R. & O. 1939 No. 1653) will be revoked by a separate Order.

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(5) HILL FARMING

(i) *Cottages.* | (ii) *Hill Sheep Schemes*, p. 100.

(i) COTTAGES

The Hill Farming (Cottages) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948

1948 No. 459 (S. 29)

Made - - - -	*4th March*, 1948
Laid before Parliament	*8th March*, 1948
Coming into Operation	*11th March*, 1948

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Section 10 of the Hill Farming Act, 1946(**a**), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Hill Farming (Cottages) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, shall extend to Scotland only and shall come into operation on the 11th day of March, 1948.

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:—

" cottage " means a cottage in relation to which an improvement grant or any part thereof has been, or falls to be, made in respect of the cost of work done for the erection, improvement or reconditioning thereof in accordance with an approved hill farming land improvement scheme;

" owner " means the person for the time being entitled to receive, or who would, if the cottage were let, be entitled to receive the rent of the cottage; provided that, if any person, who by virtue of the foregoing definition would be the owner, is a person himself liable to pay a rent in respect of the cottage to another person, that other person shall be deemed to be the owner for the purposes of these Regulations;

" tenant " means any person who is, or in his latest occupation was, engaged in agriculture or in an industry mainly dependent on agriculture to whom a cottage is let on a contract of tenancy or any person of substantially the same economic condition to whom a cottage is, with the consent of the Secretary of State, let on such a contract.

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 73. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

3. The following conditions shall, subject as hereinafter provided, apply in relation to a cottage for a period of twenty years from the date on which it first becomes fit for occupation after the completion of the work:—

(*a*) the cottage shall during the said period be so maintained by the owner as to be in all respects fit for human habitation;

(*b*) the cottage shall not be occupied except by the owner or by a tenant;

(*c*) the owner of the cottage shall from time to time, on being so required by the Secretary of State, furnish to him a certificate to the effect that the foregoing conditions are being complied with in respect of the cottage.

4.—(1) In the event of a breach of any of the conditions aforesaid, the owner for the time being of the cottage shall forthwith be liable to repay to the Secretary of State an amount equal to the sums paid by way of improvement grant in respect of the work done on the cottage, in so far as such grant has not previously been recovered, together with interest thereon as from the respective dates on which payments were made, calculated at the rate of three per centum per annum.

(2) Where a sum equal to the whole or any part of improvement grant in respect of the work done on the cottage has not been paid and, apart from the breach, would be payable, such grant or part thereof, as the case may be, shall, on any condition of these Regulations not being complied with, be withheld by the Secretary of State.

5. The owner of a cottage may, at any time within the period of twenty years during which the conditions aforesaid apply in relation to the cottage, repay to the Secretary of State an amount bearing the same proportion to the sums paid by way of improvement grant in respect of the work done on the cottage, in so far as such grant has not previously been recovered, as the period between the date on which such repayment is made and the expiration of the said period of twenty years bears to the said period of twenty years, together with interest on such amount as from the respective dates on which payments were made, calculated as aforesaid, declaring that in calculating the number of years remaining before the expiration of the said period of twenty years a fractional part of a year shall be treated as a full year.

6. The conditions aforesaid shall cease to apply in relation to the cottage as from the date when the amount recoverable or repayable in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations is recovered or repaid with interest.

Dated this Fourth day of March, 1948.

Arthur Woodburn,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The purposes for which improvement grants may be made under the Hill Farming Act, 1946, include the erection, improvement or reconditioning of cottages attached, or to be attached, to a hill farm. These Regulations prescribe conditions which shall attach to the occupation and maintenance of

such cottages in Scotland, and provide for the recovery of a grant with interest by the Secretary of State in the event of a breach of the conditions, and for the conditions ceasing to apply to a cottage on voluntary payment of a sum representing a proportion of any grant paid.

(ii) HILL SHEEP SCHEMES

The Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Scotland) Order, 1948
1948 No. 198 (S.4)

Made - - - -	*2nd February,* 1948
Laid before Parliament	*6th February,* 1948
Coming into Operation	*9th February,* 1948

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by sub-section (3) of Section 14 of the Hill Farming Act, 1946(**a**), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, and with the approval of the Treasury I hereby make the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order shall apply to Scotland only and may be cited as the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Scotland) Order, 1948, and shall come into operation on 9th February, 1948.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. Subject to the provisions of the Hill Sheep (Scotland) No. 2 Scheme(**c**) the amount which shall be paid by way of subsidy payment in respect of each breeding ewe and shearling ewe or gimmer in relation to the fourth day of December in the year 1947 shall be sixteen shillings.

Arthur Woodburn,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.
2nd February, 1948.

We approve.

J. W. Snow,
Joseph Henderson,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

2nd February, 1948.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Hill Sheep (Scotland) No. 2 Scheme, dated December 29, 1947, made under the Hill Farming Act, 1946, sets out the conditions on which subsidy payments may be made to persons maintaining specified breeds of sheep on hill land in Scotland. This Order prescribes the amount of subsidy payment which shall be made for each sheep which qualifies under the Scheme in relation to the fourth day of December in the year 1947.

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 73. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(**c**) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 2905) I, p. 46.