EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Hill Sheep (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1947, as varied by the Hill Sheep (Northern Ireland) Emergency Payments Scheme, 1948, made under the Hill Farming Act, 1946, sets out the conditions on which subsidy payment may be made to persons maintaining sheep of a hardy kind on hill farming land. This Order prescribes the amounts of such payments for the season 1950-51. The payments vary according to the method by which the number of sheep in a flock is maintained.

The Hill Sheep (England and Wales) Extension Scheme, 1951

1951 No. 1935

Made - - - -	12*th November*, 1951
Laid before Parliament	13*th November*, 1951
Coming into Operation	14*th November*, 1951

In pursuance of Sections 13 and 17 of the Hill Farming Act, 1946(**a**), as amended by Section 6 of the Livestock Rearing Act, 1951(**b**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

1. This Scheme which may be cited as the Hill Sheep (England and Wales) Extension Scheme, 1951, shall come into operation on the 14th day of November, 1951.

2. This Scheme shall be read as one with the Hill Sheep (England and Wales) Scheme, 1947(**c**), as varied by the Hill Sheep (England and Wales) Emergency Payments Scheme, 1948(**d**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Scheme"), and the Scheme and this Scheme may be cited together as the Hill Sheep (England and Wales) Schemes, 1947-51.

3. The Scheme is hereby varied as follows:—

(1) Any reference in the Scheme to

(*a*) "the Act" shall be construed as meaning the Hill Farming Act, 1946, as amended by the Livestock Rearing Act, 1951, or any other enactment,

(*b*) "Relevant Day" means in relation to the years 1951, 1952 and 1953, the 4th day of December, and in relation to the years 1954 and 1955, the 3rd and 2nd days of December respectively.

(2) In paragraph 15 of the Scheme (which prescribes the date by which application for subsidy payments shall be made) the words "31st day of January" shall be substituted for the words "30th day of April".

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 73.
(b) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 18.
(c) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 636) I, p. 39.
(d) S.I. 1948 (No. 511) I, p. 50.

(3) In paragraph 17 of the Scheme the words "hill farming" shall be deleted.

4. Subject to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the Scheme shall, except for paragraphs 18 and 19 thereof (which relate to payments under the Agriculture (Emergency Payments) Act, 1947(**a**), and were added by the Hill Sheep (England and Wales) Emergency Payments Scheme, 1948), apply in respect of the relevant day in the year, 1951, and each of the four next succeeding years as it applies in respect of the relevant day in the year, 1950, for the purpose of the making of subsidy payments in respect of sheep kept on hill land.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 9th day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

Tom Dugdale,

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

We approve

this 12th day of November, 1951.

Edward Heath,

T. G. D. Galbraith,

Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Hill Farming Act, 1946, provides that in accordance with Schemes made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries subsidy payments may be made in respect of hill sheep, and the Hill Sheep (England and Wales) Scheme, 1947, accordingly made provision for subsidy payments in respect of breeding flocks of ewes of mountain breeds kept on hill land in accordance with the recognised practices of hill sheep farming. Under the Hill Farming Act, 1946, subsidy payments in respect of hill sheep would have ceased after the payment to be made in respect of the 4th December, 1950. Section 6 of the Livestock Rearing Act, 1951, however, extended the periods for which payments of subsidy in respect of hill sheep could be made to the year 1951 and the four next succeeding years. This Scheme extends the provisions of the Hill Sheep (England and Wales), Scheme, 1947, so that they apply to these additional payments.

(**a**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 32.