subsidy payments, and other matters. The Scheme does not fix the amount to be paid by way of subsidy payment which the Hill Farming Act, 1946, requires the Minister to prescribe in a separate Order; the amount for 1955 is fixed by the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) Order, 1955.

1955 No. 686 (S. 84)

The Hill Sheep (Scotland) No. 2 (Amendment) Scheme, 1955

Made - - - -	*3rd May*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	*6th May*, 1955
Coming into Operation	*7th May*, 1955

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by sections 13 and 17 of the Hill Farming Act, 1946(**a**), and section 6 of the Livestock Rearing Act, 1951(**b**) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf and with the approval of the Treasury, I hereby make the following Scheme:—

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Hill Sheep (Scotland) No. 2 (Amendment) Scheme, 1955 and shall come into operation on the 7th day of May, 1955.

2. The Hill Sheep (Scotland) No. 2 Scheme(**c**) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Scheme) as amended by the Hill Sheep (Scotland) No. 2 (Extension) Scheme, 1951(**d**), is hereby varied by—

(*a*) substituting for the meaning assigned to "relevant day" in paragraph (2) of Article 2 of the principal Scheme, as amended as aforesaid, the following:—

> "relevant day" means in relation to the years 1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953 the 4th day of December and in relation to the years 1949, 1954 and 1955 the 3rd day of December,

and

(*b*) inserting after the words "not later than" where they first occur in paragraph (*a*) of Article 13 of the principal Scheme the words "the thirty-first day of May next following the relevant day in the year 1954 and not later than" and adding at the end of the first sentence in said paragraph (*a*) of said Article 13 the words "in any other year".

James Stuart,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.

3rd May, 1955.

We approve,

Edward Heath,
R. H. M. Thompson,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

3rd May, 1955.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 73. (b) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 18.
(c) S.R. & O. 1947/2905 (Rev. I, p. 660: 1947 I, p. 46).
(d) S.I. 1951/1764 (1951 I, p. 53).

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 as amended by the Hill Sheep (Scotland) No. 2 (Extension) Scheme, 1951, made under the Hill Farming Act, 1946 as amended by the Livestock Rearing Act, 1951, provides that the Secretary of State may make subsidy payments, subject to defined conditions, in respect of sheep maintained on hill land in Scotland. The subsidy payment may be made to the person who at the beginning of the relevant day in each of the years from 1946 to 1955 inclusive maintained the sheep, subject to an application therefor being made to and received by the Secretary of State before the 30th April next following the relevant day. The present Scheme substitutes 3rd December for 4th December as the relevant day in relation to 1954 and substitutes 31st May, 1955 for 30th April, 1955 as the date before which applications must be received from persons who maintained the sheep on the relevant day in 1954.

1955 No. 681

The Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (England and Wales) Order, 1955

Made - - - -	*3rd May*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	*6th May*, 1955
Coming into Operation	*7th May*, 1955

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in pursuance of Section 14 (3) of the Hill Farming Act, 1946(**a**), as amended by Sections 6 and 8 of the Livestock Rearing Act, 1951(**b**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (England and Wales) Order, 1955, and shall come into operation on the seventh day of May, 1955.

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

3. Subject to the provisions of the Hill Sheep (England and Wales) Scheme, 1955(**d**), the amount which may be paid by way of subsidy payment under that Scheme in respect of any ewe or shearling ewe in relation to the third day of December in the year 1954 shall be, if the ewe or shearling ewe is comprised in a standard rate flock, five shillings, or if the ewe or shearling ewe is comprised in a reduced rate flock, two shillings and sixpence.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, is hereunto affixed this second day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.)

D. Heathcoat Amory,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

We approve this third day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

Hendrie D. Oakshott,
Martin Redmayne,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 73.
(b) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 18.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(d) S.I. 1955/679 (p. 109 above).