practice for the district, make subsidy payments in respect of such cattle, notwithstanding that they did not graze on hill land throughout the qualifying period in accordance with the aforesaid conditions."

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 24th day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

(L.S.) *Tom Dugdale,*
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

We approve,
this 27th day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

*Edward Heath,*
*Dennis Vosper,*
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Hill Farming Act, 1946, provided that subsidy payments might be made in respect of hill cattle, in accordance with Schemes made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the Hill Cattle (England and Wales) Scheme, 1947, accordingly made provision for subsidy payments in respect of cattle grazed on hill land during a qualifying period of sixteen weeks between 14th April and 16th November commencing not later than the 15th day of June in any year. In 1952 farmers in certain districts, on account of outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease, had to delay putting their cattle on the hill until after 15th June and the Scheme was varied by the Hill Cattle (England and Wales) Amendment Scheme, 1952, so as to permit the qualifying period of sixteen weeks to start after this date. Some farmers who put their cattle on the hill after 15th June may in accordance with good hill farming practice in their districts have to take the cattle off the hill before the completion of the qualifying period. This Scheme provides that in such cases the Minister may pay subsidy where he is satisfied that the cattle have spent a substantial part of the qualifying period on the hill.

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## 1952 No. 574

## The Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (England and Wales) Order, 1952

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| *Made* - - - - | 18*th March*, 1952 |
| *Laid before Parliament* | 19*th March*, 1952 |
| *Coming into Operation* | 20*th March*, 1952 |

In pursuance of Section 14 (3) of the Hill Farming Act, 1946(a), as extended by the Livestock Rearing Act, 1951(b), the Minister of Agriculture and

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 73. (b) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 18.

Fisheries 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, 1952, and shall come into operation on the twentieth day of March, 1952.

**2.** The Interpretation Act, 1889(**a**), 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) Schemes, 1947-51(**b**), the amount which may be paid by way of subsidy payment under those Schemes in respect of any ewe or shearling ewe in relation to the fourth day of December in the year 1951 shall be, if the ewe or shearling ewe is comprised in a standard rate flock, two shillings and sixpence, or if the ewe or shearling ewe is comprised in a reduced rate flock, one shilling and threepence.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this seventeenth day of March, 1952.

*Tom Dugdale,*

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

We approve this eighteenth day of March, 1952.

*T. G. D. Galbraith,*

*Edward Heath,*

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

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Hill Sheep (England and Wales) Schemes, 1947-51 are made under the Hill Farming Act, 1946, as extended by the Livestock Rearing Act, 1951, and set out the conditions on which subsidy payments 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 1951-52. The payments vary according to the method by which the number of sheep in a flock is maintained.

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(**a**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(**b**) S.R. & O. 1947/636; Rev. I, p. 650; 1947 I, p. 39; S.I. 1948/511; Rev. I, p. 655; 1948 I, p. 50; S.I. 1951/1935; 1951 I, p. 51.