Under Part II of the Scheme a grant may be made at the rate of £12 an acre in respect of the ploughing up between 1st June, 1956, and 31st May, 1957, of land that has been down to grass since the 4th May, 1939, and thereafter preparing it for cropping. The grant under this Part of the Scheme is payable only if the Secretary of State is satisfied that the operations are likely to involve abnormally heavy expenditure and if he approved of the operations in relation to the land in question.

The grant is payable to the occupier of the land who carries out the operations under the scheme. Persons wishing to apply for a grant under Part I of the scheme must apply before the 31st July, 1957.

HILL FARMING

1956 No. 456

The Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (England and Wales) Order, 1956

Made - - - -	*26th March*, 1956
Laid before Parliament	*29th March*, 1956
Coming into Operation	*31st March*, 1956

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, 1956, and shall come into operation on the thirty-first day of March, 1956.

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 second day of December in the year 1955 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 twenty-second day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.) *D. Heathcoat Amory,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

We approve this twenty-sixth day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

Gerald Wills,
E. B. Wakefield,
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 (1955 I, p. 109).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Hill Sheep (England and Wales) Scheme, 1955 is made under the Hill Farming Act, 1946, as extended by the Livestock Rearing Act, 1951, and sets out the conditions on which subsidy payments may be made to persons maintaining sheep of a hardy kind on hill land. This Order prescribes the amounts of such payments for the season 1955-56. The payments vary according to the method by which the number of sheep in a flock is maintained.

1956 No. 457

The Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) Order, 1956

Made - - - -	*26th March,* 1956
Laid before Parliament	*29th March,* 1956
Coming into Operation	*31st March,* 1956

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 (Northern Ireland) Order, 1956, and shall come into operation on the thirty-first day of March, 1956.

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 (Northern Ireland) 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 second day of January in the year 1956 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 twenty-second day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.) *D. Heathcoat Amory,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

We approve this twenty-sixth day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

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

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(**d**) S.I. 1955/680 (1955 I, p. 114).