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The Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1970

Made - - -	*2nd December* 1970
Laid before Parliament	*10th December* 1970
Coming into Operation	*11th December* 1970

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in pursuance of sections 14(3) and 17 of the Hill Farming Act 1946(**a**), as amended by section 8 of the Livestock Rearing Act 1951(**b**), and all his other enabling powers, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following order :—

Citation and commencement

1. This order, which may be cited as the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1970, shall come into operation on 11th December 1970.

Interpretation

2.—(1) Unless the context otherwise requires, expressions used in this order have the same meaning as in the Hill Sheep (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1968(**c**), as amended (**d**).

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**e**) shall apply to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amounts of subsidy payments for 1970

3.—(1) Paragraph 3 of the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) Order 1968(**f**) (which prescribes the amounts of hill sheep subsidy payments for the years 1967 to 1971 inclusive) shall have effect in relation to 1970 as though the basic rate of subsidy were £1 1s. 6d. (£1.07½) per ewe, the supplementary rate remaining unchanged at 10s. 6d. (£0.52½) per ewe.

(**a**) 1946 c. 73. For change of title of the Minister, see S.I. 1955/554 (1955 I, p. 1200).
(**b**) 1951 c. 18.
(**c**) S.I. 1968/830 (1968 II, p. 2241).
(**d**) S.I. 1969/702 (1969 II, p. 1922).
(**e**) 1889 c. 63.
(**f**) S.I. 1968/831 (1968 II, p. 2247).

(2) Accordingly, subject to the provisions of the Hill Sheep (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1968, as amended, the amount which may be paid by way of subsidy payment in respect of an eligible ewe in relation to 1st December 1970 shall be—

(*a*) if the ewe is comprised in a supplementary rate flock, £1 12s. 0d. (£1.60) ;

(*b*) if the ewe is comprised in any other qualified flock, £1 1s. 6d. (£1.07½).

(3) Nothing in this order shall affect the operation of the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) Order 1968 in its application to subsidy payments relating to 1st December 1971.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 24th November 1970.

(L.S.)

J. M. L. Prior,
Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food.

We approve,
2nd December 1970.

Bernard Weatherill,
V. H. Goodhew,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This order increases the basic rate of hill sheep subsidy in Northern Ireland for sheep in flocks on 1st December 1970 from 14s. 0d. per ewe to £1 1s. 6d. (£1·07½), leaving the supplementary rate unchanged at 10s. 6d. (£0·52½). As a result, ewes in supplementary rate flocks on that date will qualify for payments of £1 12s. 0d. (£1.60) each, and ewes in other qualified flocks for payments of £1 1s. 6d. (£1.07½), subject to the provisions of the Hill Sheep (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1968, as amended.

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