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AGRICULTURE

HILL LANDS

The Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1971

Made - - -	*4th June* 1971
Laid before Parliament	14*th June* 1971
Coming into Operation	15*th June* 1971

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 1971, shall come into operation on 15th June 1971.

Interpretation

2.—(1) Unless the context otherwise requires, expressions used in this order have the same meanings 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 1971

3.—(1) Article 3 of the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) Order 1968(**f**), as amended (**g**), (which prescribes the amounts of hill sheep subsidy payments for the years 1967 to 1971 inclusive) shall have effect in relation to 1971 as though the basic rate of subsidy were £1·10 per ewe, and the supplementary rate were £0·55 per ewe.

(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 1971 shall be—

(*a*) if the ewe is comprised in a supplementary rate flock, £1·65 ;

(*b*) if the ewe is comprised in any other qualified flock, £1·10.

(**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).
(**g**) S.I. 1970/1800 (1970 III, p. 5863).

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 25th May 1971.

(L.S.) *J. M. L. Prior,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

We approve,
4th June 1971.

Bernard Weatherill,
P. L. Hawkins,
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 1971 from £1·07½ to £1·10, and the supplementary rate from £0·52½ to £0·55. As a result, ewes in supplementary rate flocks on that date will qualify for payments of £1·65 each, and ewes in other qualified flocks for payments of £1·10, subject to the provisions of the Hill Sheep (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1968, as amended.