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AGRICULTURE

HILL LANDS

The Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1975

Made - - - -	10*th July* 1975
Laid before Parliament	18*th July* 1975
Coming into Operation	1*st September* 1975

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 14(3) and 17 of the Hill Farming Act 1946**(a)**, as read with section 8 of the Livestock Rearing Act 1951**(b)**, and of 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 1975, shall come into operation on 1st September 1975.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this order "the principal order" means the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) Order 1972**(c)**, as amended by the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1974**(d)**.

(2) Any expression used both in this order and in the Hill Sheep (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1972**(e)** shall have the same meaning in this order as it has in that scheme.

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

Amounts of subsidy payments for 1975 *and* 1976

3.—(1) Article 3 of the principal order (which prescribes the amounts of hill sheep subsidy payments for the years 1972 to 1976 inclusive) shall have effect in relation to each of the years 1975 and 1976 as though the basic rate of subsidy and the supplementary rate of subsidy specified in that article were, respectively, £2·85 per ewe and £0·75 per ewe.

(a) 1946 c. 73.
(b) 1951 c. 18.
(c) S.I. 1972/1619 (1972 III, p. 4773).
(d) S.I. 1974/1795 (1974 III, p. 6317).
(e) S.I. 1972/1618 (1972 III, p. 4767).
(f) 1889 c. 63.

(2) Accordingly, subject to the provisions of the Hill Sheep (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1972, the amount which may be paid by way of subsidy payment in respect of an eligible ewe in relation to 1st December in each of the years 1975 and 1976 shall be—

(*a*) if the ewe is comprised in a supplementary rate flock, £3·60;

(*b*) if the ewe is comprised in any other qualified flock, £2·85.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 4th July 1975.

(L.S.)

Frederick Peart,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

We approve,

10th July 1975.

M. Cocks,
J. Dormand,
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 1975 and 1976 from £2·25 to £2.85. The supplementary rate remains at £0·75. As a result, ewes in supplementary rate flocks on each of those dates will qualify for payments of £3·60 each, and ewes in other qualified flocks for payments of £2·85 each, subject in each case to the provisions of the Hill Sheep (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1972.

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