STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1968 No. 831

AGRICULTURE

HILL LANDS

The Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) Order 1968

Made - - -	*22nd May* 1968
Laid before Parliament	*30th May* 1968
Coming into Operation	*1st June* 1968

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in pursuance of section 14(3) 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 may be cited as the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) Order 1968, and shall come into operation on 1st June 1968.

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).

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

Amount of subsidy payments

3.—(1) For the purposes of the Hill Sheep (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1968—

(*a*) the basic rate of subsidy shall be 14*s.* 0*d.* per ewe;

(*b*) the supplementary rate of subsidy shall be 10*s.* 6*d.* per ewe.

(2) Accordingly, subject to the provisions of that scheme, the amount which may be paid by way of subsidy payment in respect of a ewe in relation to 1st December in the year 1967 and each of the four following years shall be—

(*a*) if the ewe is comprised in a supplementary rate flock, £1 4*s.* 6*d.*;

(*b*) if the ewe is comprised in any other qualified flock, 14*s.* 0*d.*

(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) 1889 c. 63.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 21st May 1968.

(L.S.)

Cledwyn Hughes,

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

We approve,
22nd May 1968.

E. Alan Fitch,
Harry Gourlay,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the order.)

The Hill Sheep (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1968 sets out the conditions subject to which subsidy payments may be made to persons maintaining sheep on hill land. This order prescribes the amount of such payments for ewes comprised in flocks on 1st December in 1967 and the four following years. The payments vary according to the kind of sheep in the flock and the way in which the number of sheep in the flock is maintained.