STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1972 No. 1619

AGRICULTURE

HILL LANDS

The Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) Order 1972

Made - - -	*25th October* 1972
Laid before Parliament	*3rd November* 1972
Coming into Operation	*1st December* 1972

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, which may be cited as the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, shall come into operation on 1st December 1972.

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 1972(**c**).

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**d**) applies 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 1972—

(*a*) the basic rate of subsidy shall be £1·20 per ewe;

(*b*) the supplementary rate of subsidy shall be £0·55 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 1972 and each of the four following years shall be—

(*a*) if the ewe is comprised in a supplementary rate flock, £1·75;

(*b*) if the ewe is comprised in any other qualified flock, £1·20.

(**a**) 1946 c. 73. (**b**) 1951 c. 18.
(**c**) S.I. 1972/1618 (1972 III, p. 4767). (**d**) 1889 c. 63.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 23rd October 1972.

(L.S.)

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

We approve,

Tim Fortescue,
Hugh Rossi,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

25th October 1972.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the order.)

The Hill Sheep (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1972 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 1972 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.

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