STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 2251

AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING

The Hops (Import Regulation) Order, 1961

Made - - - -	*22nd November*, 1961
Laid before Parliament	*28th November*, 1961
Coming into Operation	*8th December*, 1961

Whereas it appears to the Board of Trade after consultation with the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and with the Secretaries of State concerned with agriculture in Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively, that :—

(*a*) there have been taken all such steps as are practicable and necessary for the efficient reorganisation, by means of an agricultural marketing scheme, of that branch of the agricultural industry in the United Kingdom engaged in the production of hops ; and

(*b*) without an order under section 43 of the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1958(a), the effective organisation and development of the said branch of the agricultural industry under the said scheme cannot be maintained :

And whereas the Board of Trade are satisfied that such an order is not at variance with any treaty, convention or agreement for the time being in force between Her Majesty and any foreign power or between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the government of any other country :

Now, therefore, the Board of Trade, after consultation as aforesaid and in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the said section 43, and of all other powers in that behalf enabling them, hereby order as follows:—

1. Except under the authority of a licence granted by the Board of Trade under this Article and in accordance with any condition attached thereto hops not grown in and consigned from a Commonwealth country or the Republic of Ireland shall not be imported into the United Kingdom.

2.—(1) The quantity of hops in respect of which licences to import may be granted during any year will be determined by the Board of Trade after consultation as aforesaid.

(2) Any licence granted under this Order may be modified or revoked by the Board of Trade at any time.

3. The Commissioners of Customs and Excise may require the importer of any hops to prove to them, in such manner as they may prescribe, where the hops were grown and from where they were consigned ; and if the required proof is not furnished to their satisfaction the hops shall be deemed to be hops not grown in and consigned from a Commonwealth country or the Republic of Ireland.

(a) 6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 47.

4.—(1) In this Order,—

"hops" means the fruit of the hop plant at any stage of its development subsequent to the formation of the burr whether severed or unsevered;

"Commonwealth country" means Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Ghana, the Federation of Malaya, the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Nigeria, Cyprus, Sierra Leone, Tanganyika, any colony and any territory under Her Majesty's protection.

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

5. This Order may be cited as the Hops (Import Regulation) Order, 1961, and shall come into operation on the eighth day of December, 1961.

Dated this 22nd day of November, 1961.

Niall Macpherson,
Parliamentary Secretary to the
Board of Trade.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order regulates the importation of hops into the United Kingdom so as to secure the effective operation of the agricultural marketing scheme relating to hops. On and after 8th December, 1961, hops other than hops grown in and consigned from a Commonwealth country or the Republic of Ireland may not be imported into the United Kingdom except under the authority of a licence granted by the Board of Trade under this Order.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.