1956 No. 363

The Milk (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1956

Made - - - - 15*th February,* 1956
Coming into Operation 22*nd March,* 1956

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for the Home Department (being the Secretaries of State concerned with agriculture in Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively) in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section four of the Agriculture Act, 1947(**a**), and of all other powers them enabling in that behalf, after consultation with such bodies or persons as appear to each of them to represent the interests of producers of milk and with the approval of the Treasury, hereby jointly make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Milk (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1956, and shall come into operation on the twenty-second day of March, 1956.

2.—(1) In this Order except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings assigned to them, that is to say:—

"the appropriate Minister" means in relation to any part of the United Kingdom the Minister concerned with agriculture therein or the Ministers.

"Board" means respectively—

(*a*) The Milk Marketing Board set up under the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1931(**b**), and constituted under the Milk Marketing Scheme, 1933(**c**) as amended(**d**);

(*b*) The Scottish Milk Marketing Board set up under the said Act and constituted under the Scottish Milk Marketing Scheme, 1933(**e**) as amended(**f**);

(*c*) The Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Board set up under the said Act and constituted under the Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme, 1933(**g**) as amended(**h**);

(*d*) The North of Scotland Milk Marketing Board set up under the said Act and constituted under the North of Scotland Milk Marketing Scheme, 1934(**i**) as amended(**j**);

(*e*) The Milk Marketing Board for Northern Ireland set up under the Agricultural Marketing Acts (Northern Ireland) 1933 and 1934, and constituted under the Milk Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1955(**k**).

"Manufacturing purposes" means such manufacturing purposes as the appropriate Minister may from time to time agree with the Board or, in default of agreement, as the appropriate Minister may prescribe.

(**a**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48. (**b**) 21 & 22 Geo. 5. c. 42.
(**c**) S.R. & O. 1933/789 (Rev. I, p. 224: 1933, p. 20).
(**d**) S.R. & O. 1936/767, 1937/228, 744, 1939/324 (Rev. I, at p. 225: 1936 I, p. 22; 1937, pp. 1, 2; 1939 I, p. 30); S.I. 1950/1029, 1955/946 (1950 I, p. 43; 1955 I, p. 128).
(**e**) S.R. & O. 1933/479 (Rev. I, p. 263: 1933, p. 51).
(**f**) S.R. & O. 1934/645, 1935/691, 1246, 1937/624, 818, 1938/1168, 1940/1717, 1941/1109 (Rev. I, at p. 266: 1934 I, p. 26; 1935, pp. 5, 6; 1937, pp. 21, 26; 1938 I, p. 5; 1940 II, p. 286; 1941 II, p. 238); S.I. 1950/1724, 2057 (1950 I, pp. 50, 46).
(**g**) S.R. & O. 1934/309. (**h**) S.R. & O. 1939/600, 1940/129, 1718; S.I. 1950/1286, 2059.
(**i**) S.R. & O. 1934/703. (**j**) S.R. & O. 1940/1719; S.I. 1950/1287, 2058.
(**k**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955/43.

" Marketing area " means respectively the area of the Milk Marketing Scheme administered by the Board.

" Milk " means liquid cows' milk.

" Milk Marketing Scheme " means in relation to any Board the Scheme under which the Board is constituted.

" the Ministers " means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State concerned with agriculture in Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively, acting jointly.

" Registered producer " means a producer of milk who is registered, in accordance with the Milk Marketing Scheme, by the Board within whose marketing area he produces milk.

" Year " means a period of twelve months commencing with the first day of April in any calendar year.

(2) Any factor referred to in Article 4 of this Order and any agreement, prescription, arrangement or direction referred to in Article 5 thereof, specified, entered into or made by the appropriate Minister, shall require the approval of the Treasury.

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

3. This Order shall apply to milk, produced in the marketing area, which is—

(*a*) sold by the registered producers thereof either—
(i) to or through the Board, or
(ii) by retail under and in accordance with a licence or authorisation issued by the Board; or

(*b*) used by the registered producers thereof for manufacture on their farms pursuant to a contract with the Board in respect of such use and manufacture;

and for the purposes of this Article milk shall be deemed to have been sold to the Board if the Board, having contracted to buy it, become obliged to make any payment to the producer by reason of the Board's failure to buy the milk.

4. In respect of each year, and in respect of each marketing area, the appropriate Minister shall, in the light of the Ministers' conclusions from a review held under section two of the Agriculture Act, 1947, specify the following factors, that is to say:—

(*a*) a Guaranteed Price (hereinafter referred to as " the Guaranteed Price ") for milk, being a price per gallon;

(*b*) a Standard Quantity (hereinafter referred to as " the Standard Quantity ") of milk expressed in gallons;

(*c*) a Percentage figure (hereinafter referred to as " the said Percentage ");

(*d*) a Primary Quantity (hereinafter referred to as " the Primary Quantity ") being the said Percentage of the Standard Quantity;

(*e*) a Secondary Quantity (hereinafter referred to as " the Secondary Quantity ") being the Standard Quantity less the Primary Quantity;

(*f*) a Lower Price (hereinafter referred to as " the Lower Price "); and

(*g*) a Higher Price (hereinafter referred to as " the Higher Price ") being the price which results from dividing by the Primary Quantity the

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

difference between the Standard Quantity at the Guaranteed Price and the Secondary Quantity at the Lower Price.

5.—(1) In this Article the following expressions have, as respects each marketing area, the meanings assigned to them, that is to say:—

(*a*) "the Higher Quantity" means the said Percentage of the total quantity of milk or, if the total quantity of milk exceeds the Standard Quantity, it means the said Percentage of the Standard Quantity;

(*b*) "the Overall Guarantee" means an amount equal to the total value in each year—

(i) of every gallon in the Higher Quantity at the Higher Price; and

(ii) of every gallon in the remainder of the total quantity of milk at the Lower Price, plus, in respect of every gallon in this remainder, half the difference between the Lower Price per gallon and the average price per gallon realised for milk sold by or through the Board for manufacturing purposes if such average price is the higher, and minus half such difference if the average price is the lower.

(2) If in any year the Board's revenue from milk, assessed in accordance with such arrangements in that behalf as may be agreed between the appropriate Minister and the Board, or, in default of agreement, as may be prescribed by the appropriate Minister, is less than the Overall Guarantee for that year the appropriate Minister may, subject to the observance by the Board of such terms and conditions as he may from time to time prescribe, pay to the Board the amount of the deficiency.

(3) If in any year the Board's revenue from milk, assessed as aforesaid, exceeds the Overall Guarantee for that year, the Board shall deal with the excess in such manner as may be provided for by any arrangements in that behalf made between the appropriate Minister and the Board; or, if no such arrangements have been made, shall deal with it in such manner as the appropriate Minister may direct.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this thirteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.) *D. Heathcoat Amory,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this fourteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.) *James Stuart,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this fifteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

G. Lloyd-George,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Approved this fifteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

Peter Legh,
E. B. Wakefield,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order makes arrangements under section four of the Agriculture Act, 1947, for the provision of guaranteed prices for milk. The Order provides for payment to the Milk Marketing Boards of amounts determined by Ministers after reviews held under section two of the Act.

This Order has been approved by resolutions of each House of Parliament in pursuance of section seven of the Act.

1956 No. 788

The Wool (Determination of Period) Order, 1956

Made - - - -	*26th May*, 1956
Laid before Parliament	*31st May*, 1956
Coming into Operation	*1st June*, 1956

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for the Home Department (being the Secretaries of State concerned with agriculture in Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively) in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by subsection (3) of section five of the Agriculture Act, 1947(**a**), and of all other powers them enabling in that behalf, and with the approval of the Treasury, hereby jointly make the following Order :—

1. This Order may be cited as the Wool (Determination of Period) Order, 1956, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of June, 1956.

2.—(1) In this Order "wool" has the same meaning as in the British Wool Marketing Scheme, 1950(**b**), except that it does not include skin wool as therein defined.

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

3. The period to which wool is to be referable for the purposes of subsection (1) of section five of the Agriculture Act, 1947, shall be the period of twelve months commencing with the first day of May immediately following any annual review held under section two of that Act.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.)

D. Heathcoat Amory,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this seventeenth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.)

James Stuart,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

(**a**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48. (**b**) Schedule to S.I. 1950/1326 (1950 I, p. 72).
(**c**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.