EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order fixes the minimum average prices to be paid for certain classes of livestock to producers in the United Kingdom for each of the years beginning on 31st March, 1952, and 30th March, 1953, respectively; and prescribes the manner in which the average price for each class and for each year is to be calculated. In each of these years, the minimum average price for fat pigs is subject to a reduction of 6% for each 10% fall in feeding-stuffs' prices below the level obtaining on 31st August, 1950.

1952 No. 670

The Milk (Minimum Prices for 1952-53 and 1953-54) Order, 1952

Made - - - -	*27th March,* 1952
Laid before Parliament	*28th March,* 1952
Coming into Operation	*1st April,* 1952

In pursuance of subsection (2) of section five of the Agriculture Act, 1947(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, and 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), with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Milk (Minimum Prices for 1952-53 and 1953-54) Order, 1952, and shall come into operation on the first day of April, 1952.

2.—(1) In this Order, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:—

"Appropriate coefficient" has the meaning assigned to it by Article 6 of this Order.

"Milk" means cows' milk produced in the United Kingdom.

"Producers" means producers of milk.

"Producer-retailers" in its application to the Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme has the meaning assigned to it in the said Scheme.

"Region" means—

In England and Wales, a region constituted for the purpose of the Milk Marketing Scheme, 1933; or

In Scotland, either

(*a*) The area to which the Scottish Milk Marketing Scheme applies, or

(*b*) The area to which the Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme applies, or

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(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.

(*c*) The area to which the North of Scotland Milk Marketing Scheme applies, whichever is applicable; or

In Northern Ireland, the whole of Northern Ireland.

"Year" means a continuous period of twelve months.

(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.

3. For the year beginning on the first day of April, 1952, the average price (disregarding any premium or bonus whether payable by virtue of the quality of the milk or for any other consideration and disregarding any deductions made on account of transport costs or any other charge) to be paid to producers in the United Kingdom for milk that is lawfully sold by them by wholesale, either to or through a Milk Marketing Board or to the Minister of Food, or by retail, shall be not less than two shillings per gallon.

4. For the year beginning on the first day of April, 1953, the average price (disregarding any premium or bonus whether payable by virtue of the quality of the milk or for any other consideration and disregarding any deductions made on account of transport costs or any other charge) to be paid to producers in the United Kingdom for milk that is lawfully sold by them by wholesale, either to or through a Milk Marketing Board or to the Minister of Food, or by retail, shall be not less than one shilling and ten pence per gallon.

5. For the purposes of the two immediately preceding Articles of this Order, the average price for each year therein referred to shall be calculated in the manner following, that is to say:—

Multiply the price per gallon (or, in Northern Ireland, the average price per gallon) paid for milk by the Milk Marketing Board, the Scottish Milk Marketing Board, the Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Board, the North of Scotland Milk Marketing Board or the Minister of Food, as the case may be, for each region and in each month of the year in question by the appropriate coefficient determined in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof. Add together the resulting sums for the whole of the year in question and divide the total sum thus ascertained by the sum of the appropriate coefficients determined as aforesaid.

6. For the purposes of Article 5 hereof the appropriate coefficient shall be:—

(*a*) In the case of each regional price paid for milk by the Milk Marketing Board in England and Wales in each month of the year in question, the number of gallons of milk sold by the producers in the same region, whether by wholesale to the Milk Marketing Board or by retail under licence of that Board, in the corresponding month of the year immediately preceding the year in question, or

(*b*) In the case of the price paid for milk by the Scottish Milk Marketing Board in each month of the year in question, the number of gallons of milk sold by producers, whether by wholesale to or through the Scottish Milk Marketing Board or by retail under licence of that Board, in the corresponding month of the year immediately preceding the year in question, or

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

(*c*) In the case of the price paid for milk by the North of Scotland Milk Marketing Board in each month of the year in question, the number of gallons of milk sold by producers, whether by wholesale to or through the North of Scotland Milk Marketing Board or by retail under licence of that Board, in the corresponding month of the year immediately preceding the year in question, or

(*d*) In the case of the price paid for milk by the Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Board in each month of the year in question, the number of gallons of milk sold, whether by producers by wholesale to or through the Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Board or by producer-retailers by retail, in the corresponding month of the year immediately preceding the year in question, or

(*e*) In the case of the average price paid for milk by the Minister of Food in Northern Ireland in each month of the year in question, the number of gallons of milk sold by producers to the Minister of Food in accordance with the Milk (Control and Maximum Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1951(a), in the corresponding month of the year immediately preceding the year in question.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this twenty-seventh day of March, 1952.

(L.S.)

Tom Dugdale,
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this twenty-seventh day of March, 1952.

(L.S.)

James Stuart,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this twenty-seventh day of March, 1952.

David Maxwell Fyfe,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Approved this twenty-seventh day of March, 1952.

Dennis Vosper,
H. R. Mackeson,
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 fixes a minimum average price to be paid for milk to producers in the United Kingdom for each of the years beginning on the 1st April, 1952, and 1st April, 1953, respectively; and prescribes the manner in which the average price for each year is to be calculated.

(a) S.I. 1951/739; 1951 III, p. 380.