SECOND SCHEDULE

In the years beginning on 29th March, 1954, and 28th March, 1955—

1. The thickness of the fat at the point on the middle of the back where the fat is thinnest shall not be less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inches and shall not exceed $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches; and

2. (*a*) The thickness of the fat at the part of the shoulder where the fat is thickest shall not exceed $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches and the thickness of the fat at the top of the rump muscle shall not exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches; or alternatively

(*b*) the thickness of the fat at the part of the shoulder where the fat is thickest shall not exceed $2\frac{5}{16}$ inches and the thickness of the fat at the top of the rump muscle shall not exceed $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches.

And, in the year beginning on 28th March, 1955—

3. The thickness of the belly $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in from the belly edge opposite the joint between the fourth and fifth vertebrae from the curve shall be not less than $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

THIRD SCHEDULE

In the years beginning on 29th March, 1954, and 28th March, 1955—

1. The thickness of the fat at the point on the middle of the back where the fat is thinnest shall not exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches; and

2. (*a*) The thickness of the fat at the part of the shoulder where the fat is thickest shall not exceed $2\frac{5}{16}$ inches; or alternatively

(*b*) the thickness of the fat at the top of the rump muscle shall not exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order prescribes the minimum average prices to be paid for fat pigs to producers in the United Kingdom for each of the two years beginning on 29th March, 1954, and 28th March, 1955, respectively, and the manner in which the average price is to be calculated. Under present arrangements all fat pigs produced in the United Kingdom are purchased by or on behalf of the Minister of Food.

Provision is made in the Order for adjusting the calculation of the average price for the purposes of the Order, so as to allow for a reduction in the prices to be paid for fat pigs of 3d. per score for each complete 3d. (or part of 3d. exceeding $1\frac{1}{2}$d.) per hundredweight by which the price of a standard ration of feedingstuffs falls below 30s. 2d. per hundredweight.

1953 No. 1855

The Milk (Minimum Prices for 1954–55 and 1955–56) Order, 1953

Made - - - -	16*th December*, 1953
Laid before Parliament	17*th December*, 1953
Coming into Operation	1*st April*, 1954

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, 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 approval of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred

upon them by subsection (2) of section five of the Agriculture Act, 1947(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Milk (Minimum Prices for 1954–55 and 1955–56) Order, 1953, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of April 1954.

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

"Appropriate Minister" means in relation to any part of the United Kingdom the Minister concerned with agriculture therein or the Minister of Food;

"Milk" means cow's milk produced in the United Kingdom;

"Producers" means producers of milk;

"Production bonus" means any bonus payable under the authority of the appropriate Minister to all producers in England and Wales or Scotland or Northern Ireland;

"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

(*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(b), 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 1st day of April, 1954, and for the year beginning on the 1st day of April, 1955, the average price (calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 hereof) 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 appropriate Minister, or by retail, (disregarding any deductions made on account of transport costs or any other charge and excluding any premium or bonus whether payable by virtue of the quality of the milk or for any other consideration, other than a production bonus not exceeding on the average one penny per gallon), shall not be less than two shillings and six pence per gallon

4. For the purpose of Article 3 of this Order, the average price for each year therein referred to shall be calculated in the manner following, that is to say:—

(1) Multiply the price per gallon (disregarding any deductions made on account of transport costs or any other charge and excluding any premium or bonus whatsoever) paid for each description of milk lawfully sold as aforesaid other than by retail in each region in each month of the year in question by the number of gallons (actual or estimated) of milk of each similar description lawfully sold by producers in the same region in the corresponding month of the year immediately preceding the

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

year in question; and then divide the total amount of money thus ascertained by the total number of gallons lawfully sold by producers in the year immediately preceding the year in question.

(2) Multiply the sum per gallon paid by way of production bonus to producers in each region in each month of the year in question by the appropriate Minister or a Milk Marketing Board, as the case may be, by the number of gallons (actual or estimated) in respect of which the production bonus would have fallen to be paid as aforesaid in each region in the corresponding month of the year immediately preceding the year in question; and then divide the total amount of money thus ascertained by the total number of gallons lawfully sold by producers in the year immediately preceding the year in question.

(3) To the average price per gallon resulting from the calculation in paragraph (1) of this Article, add either the average production bonus resulting from the calculation in paragraph (2) of this Article or one penny per gallon, whichever is the less.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 14th day of December, 1953.

Tom Dugdale,
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this 14th day of December, 1953.

James Stuart,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this 15th day of December, 1953.

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

Approved this 16th day of December, 1953.

Edward Heath,
Dennis Vosper,
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, 1954, and 1st April, 1955, respectively; and prescribes the manner in which the average price for each year is to be calculated.