1955 No. 1171

The Milk (Minimum Prices for 1956-57 and 1957-58) Order, 1955

Made - - - -	*26th July*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	*2nd August*, 1955
Coming into Operation	*1st April*, 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), with the approval of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sub-section (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 1956-57 and 1957-58) Order, 1955, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1956.

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

"First-hand sale" means sale at the point of first delivery on sale by or through a Marketing Board to a person other than a Marketing Board, and "sold at first-hand" has a corresponding meaning;

"Marketing Board" means:

(*a*) the Milk Marketing Board,

(*b*) the Scottish Milk Marketing Board,

(*c*) the Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Board,

(*d*) the North of Scotland Milk Marketing Board,

(*e*) the Milk Marketing Board for Northern Ireland;

"Milk" means cow's milk produced in the United Kingdom by a registered producer;

"Milk sold by retail" means milk of their own production sold by producers of milk by retail under licences issued by a Marketing Board or, in Northern Ireland, by the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in respect of such sale;

"Registered Producer" means a producer of milk registered as such by a Marketing Board;

"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. The average price of milk (calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 hereof) for the year beginning on the first day of April, 1956, shall be not less than 2s. 6d. per gallon, and for the year beginning on the first day of April, 1957, shall be not less than 2s. 5d. 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:

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

Add together the total receipts of all the Marketing Boards, including any payments made to the said Marketing Boards by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland, but excluding special premia received by the Marketing Boards on behalf of individual producers, in respect of the first-hand sale of milk in the year in question, and then divide the total amount so ascertained by the total number of gallons of milk sold at first-hand: provided that for the purpose of the aforesaid calculation, milk sold by retail shall be deemed to have been sold by the Marketing Board by whom the producer was registered at the average price per gallon received by that Marketing Board in the year in question in respect of milk sold for liquid consumption, and milk used by a Marketing Board for manufacture into any milk product or used by registered producers for manufacture into any milk product on their own premises, pursuant to contracts with a Marketing Board in respect of such manufacture, shall be deemed to have been sold by that Marketing Board at the average price per gallon received by that Marketing Board in the year in question in respect of milk sold for manufacture into that product.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this 25th day of July, 1955.

(L.S.)

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

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this 25th day of July, 1955.

(L.S.)

James Stuart,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this 26th day of July, 1955.

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

Approved this 26th day of July, 1955.

Gerald Wills,
Peter Legh,
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 received for milk by the five Marketing Boards in the United Kingdom for each of the years beginning on the 1st April, 1956, and 1st April, 1957, respectively; and prescribes the manner in which the average price for each year is to be calculated.