STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1966 No. 247

NORTHERN IRELAND

FINANCE

The Payments in Aid of Agricultural Schemes (Extension) Order 1966

Made - - - -	*15th February* 1966
Laid before Parliament	*23rd February* 1966
Coming into Operation	*5th March* 1966

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with agriculture in Scotland and Northern Ireland, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 32(2) and 35(3) of the Agriculture Act 1957(a), hereby make the following Order:—

1. The period during which, by virtue of the Payments in Aid of Agricultural Schemes (Extension) Order 1962(b), payments not exceeding £1,250,000 a year may be made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food into the Exchequer of Northern Ireland under section 32(1) of the Agriculture Act 1957 shall expire on 31st March 1966 instead of on 31st March 1967 and, accordingly, in Articles 1 and 2 of the said Order of 1962 for the words "31st March, 1967", in both places where they occur, there shall be substituted the words "31st March 1966".

2. The period specified in section 32(1) of the said Act of 1957, as extended by the said Order of 1962 (as amended by Article 1 of this Order), which would otherwise expire on 31st March 1966, shall be extended until 31st March 1971.

3. In relation to the period of extension specified in Article 2 of this Order, that is to say, the period beginning on 1st April 1966 and ending on 31st March 1971, the said section 32(1) shall have effect as if for the reference to £1,000,000 there were substituted a reference to £1,750,000.

4. This Order may be cited as the Payments in Aid of Agricultural Schemes (Extension) Order 1966 and shall come into operation on the day after it has been approved by both Houses of Parliament.

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 57. (b) S.I. 1962/652 (1962 I, p.696).

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 14th February 1966.

(L.S.)

Frederick Peart,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 15th February 1966.

(L.S.)

William Ross,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 11th February 1966.

Roy Jenkins,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The Payments in Aid of Agricultural Schemes (Extension) Order 1962 extended until 31st March 1967 the period during which payments might be made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under section 32(1) of the Agriculture Act 1957 in respect of expenses incurred by the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, under approved arrangements, in making payments to or for the benefit of agricultural producers in Northern Ireland. It also provided, in relation to the period of extension, that the yearly maximum sum which might be so paid by the Minister should be £1,250,000.

Article 1 of the present Order amends the 1962 Order by providing that the period of extension thereunder should expire on 31st March 1966 instead of 31st March 1967.

Articles 2 and 3 of the present Order make provision similar to that made by the 1962 Order except that the period during which payments may be made under section 32(1) of the 1957 Act is extended to cover the period from 1st April 1966 until 31st March 1971 and for that period of extension the yearly maximum sum which may be paid by the Minister is £1,750,000.