STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 343

NORTHERN IRELAND

FINANCE

The Payments in Aid of Agricultural Schemes (Extension) Order 1971

Made - - -	*15th January* 1971
Laid before Parliament	*26th January* 1971
Coming into Operation	*3rd March* 1971

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 section 32(2) of the Agriculture Act 1957(**a**), hereby make the following Order :—

1. This Order may be cited as the Payments in Aid of Agricultural Schemes (Extension) Order 1971 and shall come into operation on the day after it has been approved by both Houses of Parliament.

2. The period during which, by virtue of the Payments in Aid of Agricultural Schemes (Extension) Order 1966(**b**), payments not exceeding £1,750,000 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, which would otherwise expire on 31st March 1971, shall be extended until 31st March 1974.

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 1971 and ending on 31st March 1974, the said section 32(1) shall have effect as if for the reference to £1,000,000 there were substituted a reference to £1,900,000.

(**a**) 1957 c. 57. (**b**) S.I. 1966/247 (1966 I, p. 513).

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 15th January 1971.

(L.S.)

J. M. L. Prior,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 14th January 1971.

(L.S.)

Gordon Campbell,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 8th January 1971.

R. Maudling,
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 1966 extended until 31st March 1971 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 £1,750,000.

Articles 2 and 3 of the present Order make provision similar to that made by the 1966 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 1971 until 31st March 1974 and the yearly maximum sum which may be paid by the Minister is £1,900,000.