1955 No. 1154

The Potatoes (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1955

Made - - - - *7th July*, 1955
Coming into Operation *1st August*, 1955

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) in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Section 4 of the Agriculture Act, 1947(a), and of all other powers them enabling in that behalf after consultation with such bodies of persons as appear to each of them to represent the interests of producers of potatoes and with the approval of the Treasury, hereby severally make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Potatoes (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1955, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of August, 1955.

2.—(1) In this Order except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say:—

"The appropriate Minister" means, in relation to any part of the United Kingdom, the Minister concerned with agriculture therein.

"the Board" means the Potato Marketing Board set up under the Agricultural Marketing Acts, 1931 to 1949(b), and constituted under the Potato Marketing Scheme, 1955(c).

"The Department" means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland acting as agents for the Ministers or the appropriate Minister.

"The Ministers" means the Ministers concerned with agriculture in the United Kingdom acting jointly.

"Producer" means, in Great Britain a producer registered under the Potato Marketing Scheme, 1955, and in Northern Ireland any producer of potatoes.

"Support price" means the price specified by the Ministers pursuant to Article 4 of this Order.

"Year" means a period of twelve months commencing with the first day of July in any calendar year.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(d), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. This Order shall apply to such potatoes as conform to the standards prescribed by the Ministers in the light of their conclusions from a review held under Section 2 of the Agriculture Act, 1947.

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.
(b) 21 & 22 Geo. 5. c. 42; 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 31; 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 1; 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 38. (c) S.I. 1955/690 (p. 148 below). (d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

4.—(1) The Ministers shall, with the approval of the Treasury and in the light of their aforesaid conclusions, specify a support price for potatoes in respect of each year, being a price per ton.

(2) The Ministers may convert the support price specified as aforesaid in respect of any year into such regional average or seasonal support prices per ton in respect of such different periods in that year as they may with the approval of the Treasury prescribe.

5. Subject to such terms and conditions as the Ministers or the appropriate Minister may prescribe, a producer may offer potatoes grown by him in any year, in respect of potatoes grown in Great Britain to the Board and in respect of potatoes grown in Northern Ireland to the Department, and the Board and the Department respectively shall purchase potatoes so offered at the relevant support price.

6. The Board and the Department shall, save insofar as the Ministers or the appropriate Minister may with the approval of the Treasury otherwise direct, sell the potatoes respectively purchased by them under Article 5 hereof

(*a*) in the case of potatoes sold for human consumption at a price not less than the support price applicable in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 (2) hereof to the region in which and the date on which such potatoes are sold;

(*b*) in the case of all other potatoes at the best market price obtainable.

7. Subject to such terms and conditions as the Ministers or the appropriate Minister may with the approval of the Treasury prescribe, the Ministers or the appropriate Minister

(*a*) shall pay to the Board such proportion as they or he may respectively determine of any trading loss which may be incurred by the Board in any year in implementing these arrangements. For the purposes of calculating the said loss such administrative costs incurred by the Board as are attributable to buying and selling potatoes in accordance with the provisions of this Order shall be taken into account,

(*b*) may make available by way of advance to the Board such sums of money as they or he may respectively from time to time think fit in order to enable the Board to comply with the provisions of this Order.

8. Any payment made under this Order in respect of potatoes offered to the Board or to the Department pursuant to Article 5 hereof shall be made by the Board or by the Department as the case may be to the producer, provided however that if the Board or the Department is satisfied that the interest of the producer in such payment has passed to some other person then payment may be made to that other person.

9. Subject to such terms and conditions as the Ministers or the appropriate Minister may with the approval of the Treasury prescribe, the Board or the Department may make such payments in advance to any producer as they may from time to time respectively think fit.

10. The Board shall keep such records as the Ministers or the appropriate Minister may from time to time direct and such records shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times by any duly authorised officer, servant or agent of the Ministers or the appropriate Minister or the Comptroller and Auditor General.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this seventh day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.)

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

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this seventh day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.)

James Stuart,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this seventh day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

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

Approved this seventh day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

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 provides under Section four of the Agriculture Act, 1947, for support price arrangements for potatoes to operate from 1st August, 1955. The Order provides for the support prices at which potatoes will be bought from producers to be determined by Ministers after reviews held under Section two of the Act.

The Order has been approved by resolutions of each House of Parliament in pursuance of section seven of the Act.

1955 No. 487

The British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1955

Made - - - - 8*th March*, 1955
Coming into Operation 1*st May*, 1955

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), in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Section four of the Agriculture Act, 1947(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with such bodies of persons as appear to

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