STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1986 No. 429

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The Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Order 1986

Made - - - - -	*6th March* 1986
Laid before Parliament	*11th March* 1986
Coming into Operation	*1st April* 1986

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 68(1) and (2) of the Food Act 1984**(a)**, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation in accordance with subsection (1) of the said section with British Sugar p.l.c. and with such bodies as in their opinion are substantially representative of growers of home-grown beet, and having prepared a programme for carrying out research and education in matters affecting the growing of home-grown beet as required by the said subsection, hereby make the following order:—

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order, which extends to England and Wales only, may be cited as the Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Order 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1986.

(2) In this order—

"adjusted beet tonne" has the same meaning as in the inter-professional agreement made on 3rd October 1983, as amended on 30th November 1984, between British Sugar p.l.c. of the one part and the National Farmers' Union of the other part;

"the company" means British Sugar p.l.c.;

"the Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food;

"the year 1986-7" means the year beginning on 1st April 1986.

Programme of research and education for 1986-7

2. The programme of research and education set out in the Schedule to this order, together with the estimate therein contained of the amount of the expenditure to be incurred in carrying it out, shall be the programme for the year 1986-7.

Assessment of contributions

3. The contributions from the company, and from every grower of home-grown beet who delivers beet to the company during the year 1986-7, towards

(a) 1984 c. 30.

defraying the expenditure to be incurred in carrying out the programme for that year shall be assessed as follows:—

(*a*) in the case of any grower of home-grown beet the contribution shall be at the rate of 9.5p for every adjusted beet tonne of home-grown beet sold by him for delivery to the company in that year;

(*b*) in the case of the company, the contribution shall be at the rate of 9.5p for every adjusted beet tonne of home-grown beet purchased by the company in that year.

Provision to be made in contracts, and recovery of contributions by the Minister

4.—(1) All contracts made between the company and any grower for the sale of home-grown beet for delivery to the company during the year 1986–7 shall provide that the total amount of the grower's contribution assessed in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this order shall be payable by the grower to the company out of any sums standing to the credit of that grower in account with the company and be deducted by the company from the amount payable to the grower.

(2) The company shall pay the proceeds, together with the amount of the contribution from the company assessed in accordance with paragraph (*b*) of article 3 of this order, to the Minister on or before 30th April 1987.

(3) The amount of any contribution which has not been paid to the Minister by the date on which it has become due for payment shall be recoverable by him summarily as a civil debt.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 6th March 1986.

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Michael Jopling,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

4th March 1986.

SCHEDULE

PART I

Projects of research and education in matters affecting the growing of home-grown beet to be carried out by the person or bodies described in relation thereto, and estimates of expenditure to be incurred in carrying them out.

	£	£
A. RESEARCH		
1. Plant breeding: Plant Breeding Institute, Cambridge	9,988	
2. Variety trials: National Institute of Agricultural Botany, Cambridge	79,937	
3. Agronomy, physiology, nutrition, pest and disease control: Broom's Barn Experimental Station	1,213,789	
4. Crop husbandry: Norfolk Agricultural Station	87,420	
5. Physiology and aphid work: Rothamsted Experimental Station	46,936	
6. Rhizomania: MAFF Harpenden Laboratory	3,500	
7. Beet Yellows Virus: John Innes Institute	6,525	
		1,448,095
B. EDUCATION		
British Sugar p.l.c.:—		
1. Publicity:		
(*a*) British Sugar Beet Review	27,000	
(*b*) Films and photography	805	
(*c*) Virus yellows and weed beet warnings	10,350	
		38,155
2. Demonstrations:		
(*d*) Salaries, programme and equipment	228,103	
(*e*) Irrigation demonstration	23,000	
(*f*) Silsoe College/British Sugar Soil Management Project	46,000	
		297,103
3. Audit Fee		1,092
c/f		1,784,445

		b/f £1,784,445
	PART II	
General expenses relating to the programme of research and education.		
	£	£
1. Travelling and subsistence expenses of members and officers of the Sugar Beet Research and Education Committee and its sub-committees		3,500
2. Administrative charges:		
(*a*) Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	19,448	
(*b*) National Audit Office	1,399	
		20,847
3. Institut International de Recherches Betteravières:		
(*a*) Subscriptions	6,422	
(*b*) Expenses and visits	9,185	
		15,607
4. Other items:		
(*a*) Visits	3,640	
(*b*) Contingencies	50,000	
		53,640
Total		1,878,039

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This order provides for the assessment of contributions for the year 1986-7 (as is required to be done annually by section 68 of the Food Act 1984), and their collection from British Sugar p.l.c. and growers of sugar beet in England and Wales during that year, towards the cost of the programme of research and education set out in the Schedule to the order.

Contributions are to be assessed on the basis of an adjusted beet tonne whereas previously the basis of assessment was on actual tonnes. The 9.5p per adjusted tonne is equivalent to 9.8p per actual tonne provided normal sugar content levels are maintained in the 1986-87 crop. The 1985-86 contribution was 10p per tonne. "Adjusted beet tonne" is defined by reference to the inter-professional agreement of 3rd October 1983, as amended on 30th November 1984, between British Sugar p.l.c. and the National Farmers' Union. A copy of the agreement incorporating the amendments made to it on 30th November 1984 may be inspected during usual office hours at the offices of British Sugar (p.l.c.), Oundle Road, Peterborough PE2 9QU, the National Farmers' Union, Agriculture House, Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7NJ, or the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HH.

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