1956 No. 1134

The White Fish Subsidy (United Kingdom) Scheme, 1956

Made - - - -	*9th July*, 1956
Coming into Operation	*1st August*, 1956

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 5 and 11 of the White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1953(**a**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following Scheme :—

Citation, Extent, Commencement and Interpretation

1.—(1) This scheme, which may be cited as the White Fish Subsidy (United Kingdom) Scheme, 1956, shall apply to the United Kingdom, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of August, 1956.

(2) The White Fish Subsidy (United Kingdom) No. 2 Scheme, 1955(**b**) is hereby revoked, but without prejudice to any right acquired or any liability incurred before the date of the said revocation.

(3) In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

" the appropriate Minister " means, in relation to vessels landing fish in England or Wales or Northern Ireland, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food ; and in relation to vessels landing fish in Scotland, the Secretary of State for Scotland ;

" Gross proceeds " means the proceeds from the first-hand sale of all fish (including herring, salmon, migratory trout and shellfish) taken on a voyage less such deductions as may be determined by the appropriate Minister in respect of expenses incurred on services not normally undertaken on a fishing vessel and in respect of the part of such proceeds which forms the perquisite of the crew of the vessel from which the fish were landed ;

" inshore, near and middle waters " means waters within the following limits, namely ; 63 degrees north latitude, 17 degrees west longitude and 43 degrees north latitude ;

" length ", in relation to a vessel, except when expressed as length overall, means its length as calculated for the purposes of registration under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894(**c**) ;

" white fish " means fish of any kind found in the sea, except herring, salmon, migratory trout and shellfish.

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

(**a**) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 17.
(**b**) S.I. 1955/1937 (1955 II, p. 2408).
(**c**) 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60.
(**d**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Period of Operation

2. For the purposes of subsection (2) of section 5 of the White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1953, (under which provision may be made for the payment of grants in respect of white fish landed in the United Kingdom during a prescribed period, or in respect of voyages made during such a period for the purpose of catching such fish and landing them in the United Kingdom), the prescribed period for the purposes of this scheme shall be the period beginning on the 1st day of August, 1956, and ending on the 31st day of July, 1957 (both days inclusive).

General Condition of Grant

3. Subject to the provisions of Article 2 of this scheme, grants may be paid in accordance with the following provisions of this scheme to the registered owner (or his agent) or, where there is a charter-party, to the charterer (or his agent), of a fishing vessel not exceeding 140 feet in length and registered in the United Kingdom, in respect of voyages made by the vessel for the catching and landing in the United Kingdom of white fish, or in respect of white fish landed in the United Kingdom from the vessel:

Provided that no grant shall be payable—

(*a*) in respect of a voyage beyond the inshore, near and middle waters; or

(*b*) in respect of fish taken (whether within those waters or not) in the course of such a voyage; or

(*c*) in any case where the fish are landed in the Isle of Man or Channel Islands.

4. The owner or charterer of every such vessel as aforesaid fishing in the inshore, near and middle waters (except a vessel not exceeding 70 feet in length overall which does not normally make voyages lasting more than three days at sea reckoning as one day at sea each of the days of departure and of arrival) shall, if he intends to make application for payment to him of a grant under this scheme, furnish the appropriate Minister with detailed accounts of the financial results of the operation of all such vessels of which he is the owner or charterer for such period and in such form as the appropriate Minister may from time to time require.

5. The owner or charterer of a vessel or his duly authorised agent who applies for payment of a grant shall supply such other information and make such other returns concerning fishing operations, costs and trading results as may be required by the appropriate Minister and shall make any relevant books and records open to examination by any person authorised by the appropriate Minister.

6. For the purpose of giving effect to any agreement or arrangement for the remuneration of the officers or crew of the vessel—

(*a*) in a case where the vessel does not exceed 70 feet in length overall or is a motor vessel over 70 feet in length overall and fishes with seine nets any grant paid under this scheme shall be deemed to be part of the gross proceeds of the catch;

(*b*) in the case of any other vessel—

(i) if the remuneration of the officers or crew is calculated wholly or partly by reference to the net earnings of the vessel, any grant paid under this scheme shall be deemed to be part of the gross proceeds of the catch;

(ii) if their remuneration is calculated wholly or partly by reference to the gross earnings of the vessel, such portion of any grant paid under this Scheme as is equal in amount to the sum specified in the third column of the Schedule to this Scheme opposite the amount of the grant (such sum being the estimated amount of the average grant that would have been payable if it had been computed by reference to the scales of payment specified in the White Fish Subsidy (United Kingdom) No. 2 Scheme, 1955) shall be deemed to be part of the gross proceeds of the catch.

7. Application for payment of a grant under this scheme shall be made by the owner or charterer or his duly authorised agent in writing in such form as the appropriate Minister may from time to time require and shall be completed and certified in all respects as so required and shall be delivered to the appropriate Minister at such address as he may at any time specify for the purpose.

8. Application for payment of a grant under this scheme shall be made not later than one month after landing, or such longer period as the appropriate Minister may, in special circumstances, allow.

9. Notice that a person is authorised to make claims and receive payment of grants under this scheme on behalf of an owner or charterer shall be given in writing signed by the owner or charterer in such form as the appropriate Minister may from time to time require and shall be sent to the address specified by the appropriate Minister for the purpose of Article 7 of this scheme. Not more than one agent for the said purpose at any one port shall be appointed at any one time in respect of any one vessel.

10. Without prejudice to the discretion of the appropriate Minister in the payment of grants under Article 3 of this scheme, if any owner or charterer or any person acting on his behalf makes any false statement or furnishes false information in respect of any of the matters required to be disclosed in connection with an application for payment of grant under this scheme or if any of the conditions relating to the payment of grants under this scheme are not complied with by any owner or charterer or any person acting on his behalf, the payment of grants to that owner or charterer at any time may be refused.

Special Conditions applying to vessels exceeding 70 feet in length overall and certain smaller vessels

11.—(1) Subject to the provisions of Articles 2 and 3 of this Scheme, in respect of each voyage made by a fishing vessel falling within one of the categories specified in paragraph (2) of this Article a grant may be paid in accordance with the scale set out in the second column of the Schedule to this Scheme opposite the appropriate description of the vessel and the voyage in the first column of that Schedule and in accordance with the conditions set out in Articles 12 to 14 of this Scheme.

(2) The categories of fishing vessels referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article are as follows, that is to say—

Category A. Vessels fishing with seine nets, as respects which the appropriate Minister is satisfied that during the period from the 1st day of May, 1955, to the 30th day of April, 1956 (both days inclusive) or such other period as he may, in special circumstances, determine, more than half the time spent by the vessel at sea in fishing for white fish was spent in voyages lasting eight days or more, reckoning as one day at sea each of the days of departure and of arrival.

Category B. Vessels exceeding 70 feet in length overall, fishing with seine nets, as respects which the appropriate Minister is not so satisfied as aforesaid.

Category C. Vessels exceeding 70 feet in length not being vessels falling within categories A or B aforesaid.

12.—(1) Subject to the subsequent paragraphs of this Article, for the purposes of the Schedule to this Scheme, in computing the length of a voyage, the day of departure and the day of arrival of the vessel and the day on which the first-hand sale of the catch commences (if that is different from the day of arrival of the vessel) and any day intervening between the day of the arrival of the vessel and the day on which the said sale commences may each be reckoned as one day at sea.

Provided that:—

(*a*) if the day of arrival of the vessel or the day on which the first-hand sale of the catch commences is also the day of departure of any subsequent voyage, then the day of arrival or the day on which the said sale commences, as the case may be, shall be reckoned with the voyage first concluded on that day and not with any subsequent voyage;

(*b*) days spent during a voyage in any port other than the port in which the catch is landed shall be excluded in calculating the number of days at sea in that voyage;

(*c*) nothing herein contained shall be taken as authorising the payment of a grant under this scheme in respect of a voyage when the day of the arrival of the vessel occurred before the 1st day of August, 1956, notwithstanding that landing or the first-hand sale of the catch commences on or after that date.

(2) Where reference is made in the Schedule to this scheme to a voyage that takes place within a specified period the reference shall be construed, in the case of a voyage only part of which falls within that period, as a reference to that part.

(3) In the case of any vessel, not more than 300 days shall be taken into account as days spent at sea.

(4) The calculation made by the appropriate Minister for the purposes of this scheme of the number of days at sea in any voyage and the length of such voyage shall be final.

13. No grant shall be payable in respect of a voyage if the proceeds from the sale of white fish taken on that voyage amount to less than half the gross proceeds of that voyage.

14. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 11 of this scheme, if any structural alteration is made to to any vessel which will increase its length, grants may be paid at the rate appropriate to the length of the vessel before the alteration was carried out, unless the appropriate Minister has previously agreed in writing to pay at the rate appropriate to the length of the vessel after the alteration was carried out.

Special Conditions applying to certain vessels not exceeding 70 feet in length overall.

15. Subject to the provisions of Articles 2 and 3 of this scheme, grants may be paid in accordance with the conditions set out in Articles 16 and 17 of this scheme in the case of fishing vessels not exceeding 70 feet in length

overall not being vessels falling within any of the categories specified by Article 11 of this scheme, at the following rates in respect of white fish of legal size landed and sold at first-hand (otherwise than by retail) for human consumption:—

(*a*) 8d. per stone in respect of all whole gutted fish (including roes and chitlings), wings of ray and skate and monkfish tails; and ungutted bass, bream, dogfish, eels, gurnards, mackerel, horse mackerel, mullet (red and grey), pilchards, redfish, smelts, sprats and whitebait;

(*b*) 6d. per stone in respect of all other whole ungutted fish.

16. No grant shall be payable (*a*) in respect of fish (other than wings of ray and skate, skinned dogfish, and monkfish tails) landed without heads or tails or from which any portion of the head or tail has been removed or (*b*) in respect of fish which is determined by the appropriate Minister to form part of the perquisite of the crew of the vessel from which the fish were landed.

17. For the purpose of computing the amount of grant payable, the weight of the fish shall be the weight determined at the time of the first-hand sale.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this 9th day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.)

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

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this 9th day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.)

James Stuart,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Approved.
9th July, 1956.

Gerald Wills,
Harwood Harrison,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

SCHEDULE

SCALE OF PAYMENTS FOR VOYAGES

(1) Class of Vessel and Voyage	(2) Maximum payment per day at sea	(3) Sum referred to in Article 6 (*b*) (ii)
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Motor fishing vessels of Category A using seine nets—		
(i) Not exceeding 70 feet in length overall—		
Voyages between 1st November 1956 and 30th April 1957 (both inclusive)	6 0 0	
Other voyages	Nil	
(ii) Exceeding 70 feet in length overall and not exceeding 140 feet in length—		
Voyages between 1st November 1956 and 30th April 1957 (both inclusive)	8 0 0	
Other voyages	Nil	
Motor fishing vessels of Category B using seine nets—		
All voyages	6 10 0	
Other motor fishing vessels (*Category C*)—		
Over 70 feet in length overall but under 80 feet in length	5 0 0	4 4 0
80 feet in length or over but under 90 feet in length	6 0 0	4 10 0
90 feet in length or over but under 100 feet in length	10 0 0	8 2 0
100 feet in length or over but under 110 feet in length	8 10 0	4 10 0
110 feet in length or over but under 120 feet in length	5 0 0	2 16 0
120 feet in length or over but under 130 feet in length	2 0 0	2 0 0
130 feet in length or over but not exceeding 140 feet in length	Nil	Nil
Steam fishing vessels (*Category C*)—		
Over 70 feet in length overall but under 90 feet in length	7 10 0	4 14 0
90 feet in length or over but under 100 feet in length	6 0 0	4 8 0
100 feet in length or over but under 110 feet in length	14 0 0	7 18 0
110 feet in length or over but under 120 feet in length	17 0 0	10 14 0
120 feet in length or over but under 130 feet in length	19 10 0	10 0 0
130 feet in length or over but not exceeding 140 feet in length	22 0 0	9 4 0

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the scheme, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1953, provides that with a view to promoting the landing in the United Kingdom of a continuous and plentiful supply of white fish, a scheme may be made for the payment of grants to the owners or charterers of fishing vessels not exceeding 140 feet in registered length engaged in catching such fish. This scheme revokes the White Fish Subsidy (United Kingdom) No. 2 Scheme, 1955, and provides for the payment of grants at revised rates in respect of voyages made by vessels

fishing the near and middle water grounds, and for grants in respect of landings of fish by inshore vessels, during the period beginning on 1st August, 1956, and ending 31st July, 1957. The conditions under which grants may be paid in respect of voyages differ from those specified in the previous scheme in that they now

(*a*) provide for a flat payment for each day spent at sea without any overriding maximum based on the length of the voyage or the proceeds of the catch, but subject to a maximum of 300 days;

(*b*) provide for different rates for voyages made at different seasons by certain seine-net vessels; and

(*c*) permit all the days up to and including the day on which the first-hand sale of the catch commences to be reckoned as days spent at sea.

They also provide that any increase in the subsidy as a result of the new rates shall not be taken into account in settling the remuneration of officers and crews whose wages are settled on the gross earnings of the vessel.

The conditions relating to grants in respect of landings of fish by inshore vessels remain the same as those under the previous scheme.

As required by section 11 of the Act, this scheme was approved by a resolution of the House of Lords on 24th July, 1956, and a resolution of the House of Commons on 18th July, 1956.

SEAL FISHERIES

1956 No. 838

The Seal Fisheries (Crown Colonies and Protectorates) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1956

Made - - - -	*1st June*, 1956
Laid before Parliament	*6th June*, 1956
Coming into Operation	*1st July*, 1956

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 1st day of June, 1956

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers by the Seal Fisheries (North Pacific) Act, 1912(**a**), or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation, construction and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Seal Fisheries (Crown Colonies and Protectorates) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1956, and shall be construed as one with the Seal Fisheries (Crown Colonies and Protectorates) Order in Council, 1913(**b**), as from time to time amended(**c**) (hereinafter called "the principal Order").

(**a**) 2 & 3 Geo. 5. c. 10.
(**b**) S.R. & O. 1913/488 (Rev. VII, p. 924: 1913, p. 174).
(**c**) S.R. & O. 1914/774 (Rev. VII, p. 924: 1914 I, p. 579).