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AGRICULTURE

Potatoes (Assured Markets) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987

Made 27th February 1987

Coming into operation 1st April 1987

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 3(1) and (2) and 19(1) of the Agriculture and Fisheries (Financial Assistance) (Northern Ireland) Order 1987(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel and after consultation with producers in accordance with Article 7(1) of the said Order hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Potatoes (Assured Markets) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1987.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“guaranteed prices” means the prices determined by the Department pursuant to Article 3;

“potatoes” means potatoes grown in Northern Ireland;

“potatoes grown for sale for human consumption” may include potatoes grown for seed but does not include new potatoes (that is to say, potatoes which are sold and delivered before 1st July in the calendar year in which they have been grown and harvested);

“producer” means a producer of potatoes;

“year” means any period of 12 months commencing with 1st July.

Determination of guaranteed prices

3. The Department shall in the light of the annual review determine each year:

(a) guaranteed prices per tonne for potatoes grown for sale for human consumption by producers, and

(b) the quantity of such potatoes to which the guaranteed prices will apply.

Purchase of potatoes by the Department

4.—(1) The Department may, in such manner and at such time as appears to it to be appropriate purchase at the guaranteed price any amount of potatoes within the quantity determined under Article 3(b).

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(2) The Department may provide for seasonal scales of prices to apply to purchases made under Article 4(1) provided that the weighted average of such prices shall not exceed the guaranteed prices determined under Article 3(a).

Transitional provision

5. For the purposes of this Order, any price or quantity determined or other thing done under the Potatoes (Assured Markets) Order 1985(a) in respect of potatoes shall be deemed to have been determined or done, as the case may be, under the provisions of this Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 27th February 1987.

(L.S.)

D. A. J. Hirrell

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby consents to the foregoing Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 27th February 1987.

(L.S.)

D. W. Alexander

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order was made under the Agriculture and Fisheries (Financial Assistance) (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 ("the Primary Legislation"). It re-enacts with amendments the Potatoes (Assured Markets) Order 1985 which applied throughout the United Kingdom and which was repealed insofar as it applied to Northern Ireland with the coming into force of the Primary Legislation. These amendments facilitate the transfer of functions from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to the Department of Agriculture for responsibility for certain matters in connection with the provision of assured markets for producers of potatoes in Northern Ireland.

The Order enables the Department of Agriculture to purchase from such producers, potatoes at certain guaranteed prices and within certain quantities. These prices and quantities are determined in the light of an annual review held under Section 2 of the Agriculture Act 1947.