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AGRICULTURE
LIVESTOCK INDUSTRIES
The Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1968
Laid before Parliament in draft
Made - - - - - 28th March 1968
Coming into Operation 1st April 1968

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, being the appropriate Minister in relation to a joint scheme for the whole of the United Kingdom, in exercise of the power conferred on them by sections 1 and 4 of the Agriculture (Calf Subsidies) Act 1952(a) as amended by section 10 of the Agriculture Act 1967(b), by the said section 10 and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following scheme:—

Citation, extent and commencement

1. This scheme, which may be cited as the Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1968, shall apply to the United Kingdom and shall come into operation on 1st April 1968.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this scheme the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

“the Act” means the Agriculture (Calf Subsidies) Act 1952;

“carcases” means carcases of cattle;

“the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) Order” means the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) Order 1964(c), including any order amending or replacing it;

“the Minister” means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food;

“proper officer” means for any of the purposes of this scheme the person for the time being authorised to act for that purpose, in England and Wales by the Minister, in Scotland by the Secretary of State and in Northern Ireland by the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

(2) For the purposes of Part I of this scheme the limit of age at which an animal ceases to be a calf shall (subject to paragraph 6(2) below) be the age when it cuts its first permanent incisor tooth.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(d) applies to the interpretation of this scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(a) 1952 c. 62. For change of title of the Minister, see S.I. 1955/554 (1955 I, p. 1200).
 (b) 1967 c. 22. (c) S.I. 1964/463 (1964 I, p. 746). (d) 1889 c. 63.

Applications for subsidy

3. It shall be a condition of the payment of a subsidy under this scheme that any person who desires to be paid in accordance with the provisions of this scheme shall apply in writing in such form applicable to Part I or Part II thereof and at such time as in relation to England and Wales the Minister, to Scotland the Secretary of State and to Northern Ireland the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland may from time to time respectively require.

PART I

Stage A—Calves

Rates of subsidy

4. Subject to the provisions of this scheme, the Minister or the Secretary of State may pay to the person who is the owner of a calf to which this part of this scheme applies at the time when the calf is certified to be a calf of the description specified in this part of this scheme—

- (a) in the case of a heifer calf, a subsidy of £9 0s. 0d., or
- (b) in the case of a steer calf, a subsidy of £11 5s. 0d.

Eligible calves

5. The description of calf specified in this part of this scheme is any steer or heifer calf, except a heifer calf of the Guernsey, Jersey, Friesian or Ayrshire breeds, which has been reasonably well reared and is, or will after further rearing be, suitable for beef production or, if a heifer calf, for use for breeding for beef production, being in any case an animal which, if slaughtered either immediately or after a period of further rearing and fattening, would be likely to yield a carcase of reasonably good quality beef.

Conditions of subsidy

6.—(1) A calf to which this part of this scheme applies is a calf which—

- (a) was born in the United Kingdom within the period beginning with 30th October 1967 and ending with 29th October 1970,
- (b) has been certified by a proper officer to be of the description specified in paragraph 5 above,
- (c) had not been previously so certified under either this scheme or a corresponding provision of any earlier scheme made under the Act, and
- (d) had not at the time of certification attained the age at which it ceases to be a calf for the purposes of this part of this scheme.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1)(d) above shall not apply in the case of an animal as respects which the Minister or the Secretary of State is satisfied that the animal in question would have been certified under this part of this scheme before it attained the age referred to in that sub-paragraph had certification not been delayed in order to avoid the risk of the introduction or spreading of animal disease.

(3) It shall be a condition of the payment of a subsidy under this part of this scheme that any person who desires to be paid in accordance with the provisions thereof in respect of any calves shall collect and properly secure them at a convenient place for the purposes of examination and marking in accordance with any order made under section 11 of the Agriculture Act 1967, and shall assist the person appointed for those purposes.

PART II

*Stage B—Carcases**Subsidies in respect of carcases*

7.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this part of this scheme the Minister or the Secretary of State may pay to the person who is the producer of a carcase to which this part of this scheme applies a subsidy at the rate determined in accordance with paragraph 10 below.

(2) This part of this scheme applies to any carcase which—

(a) is of fat cattle of a guarantee class in respect of which guarantee payments may be made under the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) Order, and

(b) is not the carcase of an animal in respect of which a subsidy has been paid under Part I of this scheme (or any earlier scheme made under the Act) or which has been imported into the United Kingdom.

(3) In this paragraph “producer” means the person in whose name the carcase is presented for certification under this part of this scheme.

Conditions of subsidy

8. It shall be a condition of the payment of subsidy under this part of this scheme that—

(a) the carcase is presented for certification at the same time and place as it is presented for certification under such arrangements as are in force for payments to be made in respect of fat cattle under the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) Order ;

(b) the carcase is certified by a proper officer to be a carcase of the description specified in paragraph 7(2)(a) above ; and

(c) such proper officer is satisfied that subsidy under any scheme made under the Act, whether as originally enacted or as amended by sections 10 and 11 of the Agriculture Act 1967, has not previously been paid in respect of the animal in question, either as a calf or a carcase.

Period for presentation

9. Subsidy shall not be payable under this part of this scheme unless the carcase is certified in accordance with paragraph 8(b) above within the period beginning with 1st April 1968 and ending with 31st March 1971.

Amount of subsidy

10. The rates of subsidy in respect of carcases of animals eligible for subsidy under this part of this scheme shall be such amounts as the Minister and the Secretary of State, with the approval of the Treasury, determine as being approximately equivalent on the average to the rates of subsidy which would have been payable under Part I of this scheme (or any earlier scheme made under the Act) if the animals in question had been certified for subsidy under the said Part I (or any such earlier scheme).

For the purposes of this paragraph the fact that heifer calves of certain breeds are excepted under paragraph 5 of this scheme (or a corresponding provision of any such earlier scheme) shall be disregarded.

Delegation to Meat and Livestock Commission

11. The Minister and the Secretary of State may, to such extent and in such manner as they may from time to time direct, delegate to the Meat

and Livestock Commission established under section 1 of the Agriculture Act 1967 any of their functions in relation to Great Britain conferred on them by this part of this scheme.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 26th March 1968.

(L.S.)

Frederick Peart,
Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 27th March 1968.

(L.S.)

William Ross,
Secretary of State
for Scotland.

We approve,

B. K. O'Malley,
E. Alan Fitch,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

28th March 1968.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the scheme.)

Part I of this scheme (Stage A), which applies to calves born in the United Kingdom between 30th October 1967 and 29th October 1970, continues provision for the payment of calf subsidies under the Agriculture (Calf Subsidies) Act 1952. The amounts payable per head are £9 for heifers and £11 5s. for steers. Apart from a provision enabling calves to be certified for the subsidy later than would otherwise be permissible, where the reason for late certification was in order to avoid the risk of animal disease, Part I of the scheme is substantially similar to earlier schemes.

Part II of the scheme (Stage B), made under the extended powers conferred by section 10 of the Agriculture Act 1967, provides for the payment of subsidy to producers of certain carcasses. Such carcasses must be of a class in respect of which guarantee payments may be made under the fatstock guarantee scheme but must not be of animals in respect of which subsidy has been paid at Stage A, or which have been imported into the United Kingdom. Carcasses must be presented for certification at the same time as they are presented under the fatstock guarantee scheme, and they must be certified between 1st April 1968 and 31st March 1971.

The rates of subsidy at Stage B are such amounts as are determined to be approximately equivalent on the average to the rates which would have been payable at Stage A if the animals in question had been certified (while calves) at Stage A.

The scheme, which applies to the whole of the United Kingdom, contains provision enabling the Stage B functions in Great Britain to be delegated to the Meat and Livestock Commission.