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AGRICULTURE

GUARANTEED PRICES AND ASSURED MARKETS

**The Cereals (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment)
Order 1969**

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| <i>Made</i> | - - - | <i>7th May 1969</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> | | <i>15th May 1969</i> |
| <i>Coming into Operation</i> | | <i>1st July 1969</i> |

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with agriculture in Scotland and Northern Ireland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 1 and 35(3) of the Agriculture Act 1957(a), as read with the Transfer of Functions (Wales) Order 1969(b), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the consent of the Treasury and after consultation with such bodies of persons as appear to the said Ministers to represent the interests of producers of cereals, hereby make the following order :—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Cereals (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment) Order 1969 ; and shall come into operation on 1st July 1969.

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

Amendment of the principal order

2. The Cereals (Guarantee Payments) Order 1964(d), as amended (e), shall be further amended as follows :—

(a) by substituting in article 2(1) thereof for the definitions of “guaranteed price”, “target indicator price”, “standard quantity”, “annual production” and “average realised price” the following definitions :—

“‘guaranteed price’, ‘target indicator price’ and ‘average realised price’ mean respectively the prices determined or ascertained pursuant to article 3 of this order ;”;

(a) 1957 c. 57.

(b) S.I. 1969/388 (1969 I, p. 1070).

(c) 1889 c. 63.

(d) S.I. 1964/840 (1964 II, p. 1796).

(e) S.I. 1966/484, 1968/767 (1966 I, p. 995; 1968 II, p. 2148).

- (b) by deleting therefrom paragraph (2) of article 3 thereof ;
- (c) by substituting for paragraph (3) of article 3 thereof, the following paragraph :—
- “(2) In respect of each year the Minister shall ascertain in such manner and at such time as appears to him proper the average realised price per hundredweight obtained by producers for wheat and barley respectively.”;
- (d) by substituting for article 4 thereof the following article :—
- “4. The guarantee payment for wheat and for barley respectively shall be the amount, if any, by which the guaranteed price thereof exceeds the average realised price thereof, or the target indicator price thereof, whichever is the higher.”.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 28th April 1969.

(L.S.)

Cledwyn Hughes,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 30th April 1969.

(L.S.)

William Ross,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 5th May 1969.

James Callaghan,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Given under my hand on 6th May 1969.

George Thomas,
Secretary of State for Wales.

We consent
7th May 1969.

Joseph Harper,
E. Alan Fitch,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order further amends the Cereals (Guarantee Payments) Order 1964, as amended, and provides for changes in the arrangements for guarantee payments to producers of cereals following the determinations of the Ministers after a review held under section 2 of the Agriculture Act 1947.

The changes effected by the order relate only to barley. Provision is made for the abolition of the standard quantity and for the ending of the arrangement under which, when annual production is below the standard quantity and the average realised price is below the target indicator price, the deficiency payment is abated within a range of production determined by the Ministers.

The provisions relating to wheat, rye, oats and mixed cereals remain unchanged.