



Corn Returns Act 1882

1882 CHAPTER 37 45 and 46 Vict

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An Act to amend the law respecting the obtaining of corn returns. [10th August 1882]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act extended with modifications (S.) by [Agriculture \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1954 \(c. 39\), s. 14](#)
- C2** Power to apply Act with modifications given by [Agriculture Act 1970 \(c. 40\), s. 108\(1\)\(2\)](#)
- C3** Functions of Board of Trade under this Act now exercisable by Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food: O. in C. dated 30th July 1891 (Rev.I, p. 614) made under [Board of Agriculture Act 1889 \(c. 30\), s. 4](#), [Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Act 1903 \(c. 31\), s. 1\(1\)](#), [Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Act 1919 \(c. 91\), s. 1](#) and s. I. 1955/554 (1955 I, p.1200)
- C4** Words of enactment omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\), s. 3](#)
- C5** Certain words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1898 \(c. 22\)](#)
- C6** Certain functions of Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food transferred by [S.I. 1978/272, art. 4](#)
Certain functions of the Secretary of State transferred (W.) (1.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/672, art. 2, Sch. 1](#)
Functions of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State for Scotland or the Secretary of State for Wales transferred (27.12.1999) by [S.I. 1999/3141, art. 2\(1\)\(5\), Sch.](#)

1 Short title. **E+W+S**

This Act may be cited as the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

2 Extent of Act. **E+W+S**

This Act shall not extend to . . . ^{F1} Ireland.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words repealed by [Agriculture \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1954 \(c. 39\), Sch. 3](#)

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Textual Amendments
F2 S. 3 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1898 (c. 22)

4 **Return from towns of purchases of British corn, and publication of average price.** **E+W+S**

Weekly returns of the purchases of British corn shall be made,^{F3}, in manner provided by this Act from [^{F4}such [^{F5}areas] as may from time to time be prescribed] and the average price of British corn shall be from time to time ascertained from those returns, and published by the Board of Trade in manner provided by this Act.

Textual Amendments
F3 Words repealed by Agriculture Act 1970 (c. 40), ss. 108(3)(a), 113(3), **Sch. 5 Pt. IV**
F4 Words substituted by Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1943 (c. 16), **Sch. 3**
F5 Words substituted by Agriculture Act 1970 (c. 40), **s. 108(3)(a)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)
C7 Ss. 4, 5 amended (transfer of functions) by S.I. 1981/142, **art. 2**

[^{F6} **Weekly returns of purchases of British corn.** **E+W+S**

Every person carrying on in an area for the time being prescribed under section 4 of this Act a business consisting of or including the buying of British corn by wholesale from the growers shall weekly at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed make to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or, in Scotland, to the Secretary of State a return in writing signed by that person specifying with respect to such period of seven days as may be prescribed the aggregate amount of each sort of British corn, if any, bought by that person from the growers and the aggregate purchase price thereof, and giving such additional particulars of the purchases comprised in the return as may be prescribed.]

Textual Amendments
F6 S. 5 substituted for ss. 5 and 6 by Agriculture Act 1970 (c. 40), **s. 108(3)(b)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)
C8 Ss. 4, 5 amended (transfer of functions) by S.I. 1981/142, **art. 2**

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Textual Amendments
F7 S. 7 repealed by Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1943 (c. 16), **Sch. 3**

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In the [^{F9}returns made in pursuance of this Act] each sort of British corn shall be computed with reference to the hundredweight of one hundred and twelve imperial standard pounds.]

Textual Amendments

F8 S. 8 substituted by [Corn Sales Act 1921 \(c. 35\), s. 2](#)

F9 Words substituted by [Agriculture \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1943 \(c. 16\), Sch. 3](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C9 Power to amend s. 8 conferred by [Agriculture \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1972 \(c. 62, SIF 2:1\), s. 17\(2\)](#)

C10 S. 8 amended (E.W.) by [S.I. 1976/1034, art. 3](#) and (S.) by [S.I. 1976/1082, art. 3](#)

9 Computation and publication of averages by Board of Trade. **E+W+S**

The Board of Trade shall cause the average prices of each sort of British corn to be computed from [^{F10}the returns made] in pursuance of this Act, as follows:

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- (1) In each week the average price during the next preceding week of each sort of British corn shall be computed, and shall be published in the London Gazette:
- (2) After each of the quarter days, the twenty-fifth day of March, the twenty-fourth day of June, the twenty-ninth day of September, and the twenty-fifth day of December, the average price of each sort of British corn during the quarter ending on that quarter day shall be forthwith computed and published in the London Gazette:
- (3) After the twenty-fifth day of December in every year the average price of each sort of British corn shall be computed for the year, and the seven years ending on that day, and shall be published in the London Gazette in the month of January next following:
- (4) The average price of any sort of British corn for any week shall be ascertained by adding together the total quantities of that sort of British corn appearing from [^{F10}the returns made in pursuance of this Act] to have been bought during such week, and the total prices for those quantities as appearing from [^{F10}the said returns] and by dividing the total prices by the total quantities as so ascertained. The quarterly or yearly average prices shall be ascertained by adding together the weekly averages of the weeks included in such quarter or year, and dividing the total by the number of weeks in such quarter or year respectively.
- (5) The septennial average price shall be ascertained by adding together the average annual prices for the seven years, and dividing the total by seven:
- (6) The annual and septennial average shall state the average for the [^{F12}hundred-weight of one hundred and twelve imperial standard pounds].

Textual Amendments

F10 Words substituted by [Agriculture \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1943 \(c. 16\), Sch. 3](#)

F11 Words repealed by [Agriculture \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1943 \(c. 16\), Sch. 3](#)

F12 Words substituted by [Corn Sales Act 1921 \(c. 35\), s. 2](#)

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- C11** S. 9 amended (transfer of functions) by S.I. 1981/142, **art. 2**
- C12** Power to amend s. 9(4)–(5) conferred by **Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1972 (c. 62, SIF 2:1), s. 17(2)**
- C13** Power to amend s. 9(6) conferred by **Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1972 (c. 62, SIF 2:1), s. 17(2)**
- C14** S. 9(6) amended (E.W.) by S.I. 1976/1034, **art. 3** and (S.) by 1976/1082, art. 3

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Textual Amendments

- F13** S. 10 repealed by **Tithe Act 1936 (c. 43), Sch. 9**

11 **Penalty for failure to make return.** **E+W+S**

Every person who fails to make . . .^{F14} any return which he is required by this Act to make, or to include in any such return any purchase of British corn or any material particular, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F15}level 2 on the standard scale].

Textual Amendments

- F14** Words repealed by **Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1943 (c. 16), Sch. 3**
- F15** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) **Criminal Law Act 1977 (c. 45, SIF 39:1), s. 31**, **Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), s. 46** and (S.) **Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), ss. 289C(4)(5), 289G**

12 **Penalty for false return.** **E+W+S**

Any person who in any return made in pursuance of this Act . . .^{F16} makes any . . .^{F17} fraudulent statement, also any person who includes or procures to be included in any such return any British corn not bona fide bought as specified in the return, or any corn which is not British corn, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour.

Where the Board of Trade have reason to believe that a return or any particular in a return is false in any particular, they may cause that return, or so much as relates to that particular, to be omitted in the computation of the average prices in pursuance of this Act.

Textual Amendments

- F16** Words repealed by **Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1943 (c. 16), Sch. 3**
- F17** Words repealed by **Perjury Act 1911 (c. 6), Sch.**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C15** S. 12 amended as to mode of trial by **Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43, SIF 82), s. 17, Sch. 1 para. 9**

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C16 S. 12 amended (transfer of functions) by S.I. 1981/142, **art. 2**

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Textual Amendments

F18 S. 13 repealed by Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1943 (c. 16), **Sch. 3**

14 **Regulations as to execution of Act and supply of books, &c.** **E+W+S**

The Board of Trade may from time to time make, and when made revoke, vary, and add to, regulations [^{F19}with respect to the matters to be prescribed and generally with respect to the execution of this Act] and such regulations shall be duly observed by all persons to whom they relate, and such regulations may [^{F20}make different provisions for different circumstances].....
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Textual Amendments

F19 Words substituted by Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1943 (c. 16), **Sch. 3**

F20 Words substituted by Agricultural Act 1970 (c. 40), **s. 108(3)(c)**

F21 Paras. repealed by Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1943 (c. 16), **Sch. 3**

15 **Expenses.** **E+W+S**

The expenses by . . . ^{F22} the Board of Trade in the execution of this Act shall, subject to the approval of the Treasury, be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.

Textual Amendments

F22 Words repealed by Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1943 (c. 16), **Sch. 3**

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Textual Amendments

F23 S. 16 repealed by Agriculture Act 1970 (c. 40), s. 113(3), **Sch. 5 Pt. IV**

17 **Recovery of fines.** **E+W+S**

Any fine under this Act may be recovered in manner provided by the Summary Jurisdiction (England) Acts, and shall be paid into Her Majesty's Exchequer in such manner as the Treasury may direct.

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18 Definitions. **E+W+S**

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

The expression “British corn” means wheat, barley, [^{F24}rye, maize] and oats, the produce of the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man, and any such wheat, barley, [^{F24}rye, maize] or oats is in this Act referred to as a sort of British corn:

The expression “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations of the Board of Trade under this Act for the time being in force:

The expression “person” includes a body of persons, corporate or unincorporate:

The expression “bought” means the agreement to buy, whether made by sale-note, or otherwise, and irrespective of actual delivery in pursuance thereof.

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Textual Amendments
F24 Words inserted by [Agriculture Act 1970 \(c. 40\), s. 108\(3\)\(d\)](#)

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Textual Amendments
F25 [S. 19](#) repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1898 \(c. 22\)](#) and [Statute Law Revision Act 1950 \(14 Geo. 6 c. 6\)](#)

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Textual Amendments

F26 Sch. repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1898 \(c. 22\)](#)

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