

1973 No. 646

COUNTER-INFLATION
**The Counter-Inflation (Modification of Agricultural
Wages Acts) Order 1973**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>29th March 1973</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>30th March 1973</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>1st April 1973</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in relation to England and Wales, and the Secretary of State, in relation to Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 8 (1) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to, the Counter-Inflation Act 1973(a), and of all their other enabling powers, hereby make the following order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Counter-Inflation (Modification of Agricultural Wages Acts) Order 1973, and shall come into operation on 1st April 1973.

(2) In this order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“ the Act of 1948 ” means the Agricultural Wages Act 1948(b);

“ the Act of 1949 ” means the Agricultural Wages (Scotland) Act 1949(c);

“ the Act of 1973 ” means the Counter-Inflation Act 1973.

(3) For the purposes of this order references to increases of remuneration shall include references to improvements in the terms and conditions of employment.

(4) Any reference in this order to an Act of Parliament shall be construed as a reference to that Act as amended or extended by or under any subsequent enactment.

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

Modification of the Agricultural Wages Acts

2.—(1) So long as Part II of the Act of 1973 is in force the Acts of 1948 and 1949 shall take effect subject to the modifications set out in this Article.

(2) The requirements as to notice of a proposed order contained in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 4 to the Act of 1948 and paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 3 to the Act of 1949 shall be subject to a prior requirement that an agricultural wages board shall submit to the Pay Board for approval any proposals for increases of remuneration to be given effect to by the order proposed to be made.

 (a) 1973 c. 9.

(b) 1948 c. 47.

(c) 1949 c. 30.

(d) 1889 c. 63.

(3) An agricultural wages board shall not give or serve any such notice as is referred to in paragraph (2) above relating to proposals for increases of remuneration unless those proposals have been approved by the Pay Board.

(4) Where such a notice relating to proposals for increases of remuneration has been given or served on or after 1st February 1973 but before the commencement of this order the agricultural wages board may submit the proposals to the Pay Board for approval.

(5) An agricultural wages board shall not make an order giving effect to increases of remuneration unless those increases have been approved by the Pay Board in pursuance of proposals submitted by the agricultural wages board under paragraph (2) or paragraph (4) above.

Approval of agricultural wages orders

3.—(1) The Pay Board shall entertain any proposals for increases of remuneration submitted to them by an agricultural wages board.

(2) Where the Pay Board are satisfied that any such increases ought to be allowed, they shall approve the proposals.

(3) The Pay Board shall give their decision whether or not to approve any such proposals within 8 weeks of the date on which they receive them.

(4) Where the Pay Board have not given their decision under paragraph (3) above at the expiration of the prescribed period of 8 weeks they shall for the purposes of paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 2 to the Act of 1973 be deemed to have given their approval to the proposals as submitted.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 29th March 1973.

(L.S.)

Joseph Godber,
Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food.

Gordon Campbell,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

29th March 1973.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order modifies the Agricultural Wages Act 1948 and the Agricultural Wages (Scotland) Act 1949, while Part II of the Counter-Inflation Act 1973 is in force, so as to prohibit the giving of formal notice of a proposed agricultural wages order, and the making of such an order, unless any increases of remuneration or improvements in the terms and conditions of employment have previously been approved by the Pay Board. The Pay Board are given power to entertain proposals submitted to them by an agricultural wages board, and must give their decision within eight weeks.

The Order applies to England and Wales and to Scotland.

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