

1973 No. 857

COUNTER-INFLATION
**The Counter-Inflation (Agricultural Wages and Wages
Councils) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	<i>3rd May 1973</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>11th May 1973</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>3rd May 1973</i>

In pursuance of section 8(1) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to, the Counter-Inflation Act 1973(a), and all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following Order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Counter-Inflation (Agricultural Wages and Wages Councils) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973, and shall come into operation forthwith.

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

“the Agricultural Wages Act” means the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1939(b);

“Act” includes an Act of Parliament of Northern Ireland;

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

“Agricultural Wages Board” means the Agricultural Wages Board Northern Ireland;

“the Wages Councils Act” means the Wages Councils Act (Northern Ireland) 1945(c);

“wages council” means a wages council in Northern Ireland.

(3) In this Order references to increases in remuneration include references to improvements in the terms and conditions of employment.

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

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

(a) 1973 c. 9.
(c) 1945 c. 21 (N.I.).

(b) 1939 c. 25 (N.I.).
(d) 1889 c. 63.

Modification of the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1939

2.—(1) So long as Part II of the Act of 1973 is in force, the Agricultural Wages Act shall have effect subject to paragraphs (2) to (4) below.

(2) Section 2(9) shall be subject to a prior requirement that the Agricultural Wages Board shall submit to the Pay Board for approval any proposals for increases in remuneration to be given effect to by any order proposed to be made.

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

(4) The Agricultural Wages Board shall not make an order giving effect to increases in remuneration unless those increases have been approved by the Pay Board in pursuance of proposals submitted by the Agricultural Wages Board under paragraph (2) above.

Modification of the Wages Councils Act (Northern Ireland) 1945

3.—(1) So long as Part II of the Act of 1973 is in force, the Wages Councils Act shall have effect subject to paragraphs (2) to (5) below.

(2) Section 10(3) shall be subject to a prior requirement that the wages council shall submit to the Pay Board any wages regulation proposals relating to increases in remuneration for approval; and accordingly a wages council shall not publish any wages regulation proposals or give notice of such proposals to persons affected thereby, under that section, until the wages regulation proposals relating to increases in remuneration have been approved by that Board.

(3) Where wages regulation proposals relating to increases in remuneration have already been published by a wages council under that section, that council may submit the proposals to the Pay Board for approval.

(4) Where pursuant to paragraph 2(2) and (3) of Schedule 2 to the Act of 1973, the Pay Board approve, subject to amendments or modifications, any proposals submitted under paragraph (3) above, section 10(3) shall not impose a duty on the wages council to re-publish, or give notice to the persons affected thereby, the proposals as so amended or modified.

(5) Section 10(4) shall not impose a duty on the Ministry of Health and Social Services to make an order giving effect to any wages regulation proposals relating to increases in remuneration which have not been approved by the Pay Board.

Approval of certain proposals for increase in remuneration

4.—(1) The Pay Board shall entertain any proposals for increases in remuneration—

- (a) submitted to them by the Agricultural Wages Board; or
- (b) contained in any wages regulation proposals submitted to them by a wages council.

(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 do not give their decision under paragraph (3) above before the expiration of the period specified in that paragraph, they shall for the purposes of paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 2 to the Act of 1973 be deemed to have approved the proposals as submitted.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Northern Ireland Office.

3rd May 1973.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order modifies the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1939 and the Wages Councils Act (Northern Ireland) 1945, while Part II of the Counter-Inflation Act 1973 is in force. Under Articles 2 and 3 the Agricultural Wages Board and wages councils must submit proposals for pay increases (or improvements in the terms and conditions of employment) to the Pay Board; in addition the Ministry of Health and Social Services need not make an order giving effect to the proposals of a wages council until they have been approved by the Pay Board.

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