

**1974 No. 604****NORTHERN IRELAND****FINANCE****The Agriculture Payments (Extension) (Northern Ireland)****Order 1974**

*Made* - - - - *7th February 1974*

*Laid before Parliament*                      *12th March 1974*

*Coming into Operation*                      *29th March 1974*

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with agriculture in Scotland and Northern Ireland, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 32(2) and 35(3) of the Agriculture Act 1957(a), hereby make the following Order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Agriculture Payments (Extension) (Northern Ireland) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on the day after it has been approved by both Houses of Parliament.

2. The period during which, by virtue of the Payments in Aid of Agricultural Schemes (Extension) Order 1971(b), payments not exceeding £1,900,000 a year may be made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food into the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland under section 32(1) of the Agriculture Act 1957 (as adapted by paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 5 to the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973(c)) which would otherwise expire on 31st March 1974, shall be extended until 31st March 1977, and Article 3 of the said Order of 1971 shall have effect accordingly.

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(a) 1957 c. 57.

(b) S.I. 1971/343 (1971 I, p. 1085).

(c) 1973 c. 36.

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In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 7th February 1974.

(L.S.)

*Joseph Godber,*  
Minister of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food.

7th February 1974.

*Gordon Campbell,*  
Secretary of State for Scotland.

6th February 1974.

*Francis Pym,*  
Secretary of State for  
Northern Ireland.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order extends until 31st March 1977 the period during which payments may be made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under section 32(1) of the Agriculture Act 1957 in respect of expenses incurred by the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, under approved arrangements, in making payments to or for the benefit of agricultural producers in Northern Ireland.

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