

## 1981 No. 1854

## FOOD AND DRUGS

**The Milk Prices (England and Wales and Northern Ireland)  
Order 1981**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>29th December 1981</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>30th December 1981</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>1st January 1982</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 6 and 7 of the Emergency Laws (Re-enactments and Repeals) Act 1964(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order:—

*Citation, commencement and extent*

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Milk Prices (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Order 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1982.

(2) This order shall apply in England and Wales and Northern Ireland only.

*Interpretation*

2. In this order unless the context otherwise requires—

“catering business” means the business or undertaking of an inn, public house, hotel, restaurant, café, tea shop, buffet, coffee-stall or any place of refreshment open to the public, or of a club, boarding house, apartment house, refreshment contractor, staff dining room or canteen, or of any school feeding centre, school premises or other educational establishment where milk is provided for pupils; and “caterer” shall be construed accordingly;

“Channel Islands milk” means milk which is produced from cows of the Channel Islands breeds and which is labelled “Channel Islands milk”, “Jersey milk” or “Guernsey milk” when sold in a container;

“dairy” means the premises where the milk is to be subjected to heat treatment;

“the Department” means the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland;

“heat treatment” means—

(a) as respects England and Wales, any heat treatment of milk whereby the milk becomes homogenised milk or of milk in respect of which the special designation “Pasteurised”, “Sterilised” or “Ultra Heat Treated” may be used;

(a) 1964 c.60; section 6 is continued in force by the Milk (Extension of Period of Control of Maximum Prices) Orders 1969, 1974 and 1979 (S.I. 1969/1058, 1974/2139, 1979/1602).

(b) as respects Northern Ireland, any heat treatment of milk whereby the milk becomes pasteurised milk;

“homogenised milk” means milk which (i) has been subjected to heat treatment, (ii) has been so processed as to break up the globules of butter-fat and cause them to remain uniformly distributed throughout the milk instead of rising to the surface and (iii) when sold in a container is labelled “Homogenised milk”;

“human consumption” does not include use in the preparation of food for sale for human consumption;

“milk” means liquid cows’ milk but does not include separated milk, skimmed milk, condensed milk or evaporated milk;

“the Minister” means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food;

“normal delivery terms” means terms incorporated in a contract, made for a period of at least twelve months, notwithstanding any provision regarding premature termination, and under which terms the milk is delivered daily by the seller or his agent to the purchaser’s dairy in bulk tankers and without undue variations of quantity from day to day;

“pasteurised milk” means—

(a) as respects England and Wales, milk in respect of which the special designation “Pasteurised” is lawfully used pursuant to the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1977(a);

(b) as respects Northern Ireland, milk in respect of which the designation “pasteurised milk” is lawfully used pursuant to the Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(b);

“price” means the actual price paid for the milk after taking into consideration any discounts or allowances or rebates made in relation to that milk, but does not include any levy charged by the seller for publicity for milk and other related services in respect of milk;

“sale by retail” means any sale to a person buying otherwise than for the purpose of resale and includes any sale to a person for the purposes of his catering business or a sale for export (other than for use as ships’ stores) to any place outside the United Kingdom;

“sell” includes offer or agree to sell or expose for sale;

“South Devon milk” means milk which is produced from cows of the South Devon breed and which is labelled “South Devon milk” when sold in a container;

“sterilised milk” means milk in respect of which the special designation “Sterilised” is lawfully used pursuant to the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1977;

“ultra heat treated milk” means milk in respect of which the special designation “Ultra Heat Treated” is lawfully used pursuant to the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1977;

“untreated milk” means—

(a) as respects England and Wales, milk in respect of which the special designation “Untreated” is lawfully used pursuant to the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1977;

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(a) S.I. 1977/1033, amended by S.I. 1980/1863.  
(b) S.R. (N.I.) 1981 No. 234.

- (b) as respects Northern Ireland, milk in respect of which the designation "untreated milk" is lawfully used pursuant to the Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981.

*Maximum prices and exemptions*

3.—(1) No person shall sell by retail any milk—

- (a) on a sale in England and Wales, at a price exceeding the maximum price applicable in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this order;
- (b) on a sale in Northern Ireland, at a price exceeding the maximum price applicable in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this order:

Provided that where any milk is sold—

- (i) in a quantity of one-third of a pint or half a pint or a multiple of half a pint, or
- (ii) in a quantity measured in millilitres which is less than a litre or is a multiple of 500 millilitres, and the maximum price thereof in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this article would include an odd fraction of a penny, other than one-half of a penny, that maximum price shall be increased to the next higher half of a penny if the said fraction is less than one-half or to the next higher whole penny if the said fraction is greater than one-half.

(2) No person shall sell any raw milk for heat treatment and resale for human consumption at a price exceeding the maximum price applicable in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 3 to this order.

(3) No person shall, in connection with the sale or disposition or proposed sale or disposition of any milk in relation to which a maximum price applies in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this article, enter or offer to enter into any artificial transaction or make or demand any unreasonable charge.

(4) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this article shall not apply as respects any supply of milk (a) by a caterer in the course of his catering business, (b) by a retailer for consumption on his retail premises, or (c) from an automatic vending machine.

*Licences or authorisations*

4.—(1) The provisions of this order are subject to any licence or authorisation which may be granted under this order—

- (a) in relation to England and Wales, by or on behalf of the Minister;
- (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, by the Department.

(2) Every person holding a licence or authorisation granted under this order shall comply with every condition imposed by such licence or authorisation.

(3) Every licence or authorisation granted under this order is and shall remain the property of the Minister or the Department, as the case may be; and the licensee or any person in possession of any such licence or authorisation shall, if requested to do so by or on behalf of the Minister or the Department, as the case may be, produce or deliver it to such person or to a person of such class or description, and within such time, as may be specified in the request.

*Revocation*

5. The orders specified in Schedule 4 to this order are hereby revoked:

Provided that unless the contrary intention appears any licence or authorisa-

tion granted under the Milk (Great Britain) (No.2) Order 1980(a) or the Milk (Northern Ireland) (No.2) Order 1980(b), or having effect by virtue thereof, and subsisting immediately before the coming into operation of this order, shall continue to have effect as though granted by the Minister or the Department, as the case may be, under the corresponding provision of this order.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 29th December 1981.

(L.S.)

*Peter Walker,*

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

*James Prior,*

Secretary of State.

23rd December 1981.

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3(1)(a)

MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES OF MILK IN ENGLAND AND WALES

1. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the maximum price of milk on a sale by retail in England and Wales shall be a price in accordance with the following table:—

Milk	Maximum Price			
	From 1st January, 1982, to 9th January, 1982, inclusive		On and after 10th January, 1982	
	Rate per Pint	Rate per Litre	Rate per Pint	Rate per Litre
	p	p	p	p
Channel Islands milk.....	20½	36	22½	39½
South Devon milk.....	20½	36	22½	39½
Sterilised milk.....	19½	34½	21½	38
Ultra Heat Treated milk.....	19	33½	20½	36
Homogenised milk.....	19	33½	20½	36
Untreated milk.....	19½	34½	20	35
Pasteurised milk.....	18½	32½	20	35
Milk, other than the above mentioned...	18½	32½	20	35

2. A reasonable charge may be made by the seller in addition to the appropriate maximum price specified in the above table for milk sold by him as Kosher milk or Kedassia milk if—

- (a) such milk is sold in a container distinctly labelled “Kosher” or “Kedassia”, as the case may be; and
- (b) such milk has been prepared for consumption in accordance with the appropriate Jewish practice relating thereto.

(a) S.I. 1980/2022, amended by S.I. 1981/628, 1261.

(b) S.I. 1980/2023, amended by S.I. 1981/1027.

## Article 3(1)(b)

## SCHEDULE 2

## MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES OF MILK IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Milk	Maximum Price			
	From 1st January, 1982, to 9th January, 1982, inclusive		On and after 10th January, 1982	
	Rate per Pint	Rate per Litre	Rate per Pint	Rate per Litre
Pasteurised milk.....	p 18½	p 32½	p 20	p 35
Untreated milk.....	18½	32½	20	35

## Article 3(2)

## SCHEDULE 3

MAXIMUM PRICES OF RAW MILK ON SALE FOR HEAT TREATMENT AND  
RESALE

On a sale for heat treatment	Maximum Price (Rate per Litre)
(a) at a dairy situated within the Metropolitan Police District, for sale by retail thereafter within that District.....	p 16.216
(b) at a dairy situated in England and Wales, and not falling within (a) above.....	17.983
(c) at a dairy situated in Northern Ireland.....	20.623

1. In the case of Channel Islands or South Devon milk, a charge at the rate of 3.674p per litre may be made in addition to the appropriate maximum price specified in the above table.

2. Where the milk is sold on terms which are less or more favourable to the purchaser than normal delivery terms the appropriate maximum price shall have effect subject to a reduction or increase respectively of such amount as is appropriate in the circumstances.

3. A reasonable additional charge may be made by the seller in respect of any milk which is so treated by the purchaser as to become homogenised milk.

## SCHEDULE 4

## Article 5

Orders revoked	References
The Milk (Great Britain) (No.2) Order 1980.....	S.I. 1980/2022.
The Milk (Northern Ireland) (No.2) Order 1980.....	S.I. 1980/2023.
The Milk (Great Britain) (No.2) (Variation) Order 1981.....	S.I. 1981/628 .
The Milk (Northern Ireland) (No.2) (Variation) (No.2) Order 1981.....	S.I. 1981/1027.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This order, which comes into operation on 1st January 1982—

- (a) supersedes the Milk (Great Britain) (No.2) Order 1980, as amended, and the Milk (Northern Ireland) (No.2) Order 1980, as amended;
- (b) increases by various amounts (as shown in Schedule 1) the maximum retail prices of milk on sales in England and Wales, with effect from 10th January 1982;
- (c) increases by 1½p per pint, and a corresponding amount per litre, the maximum retail prices of milk on sales in Northern Ireland, with effect from 10th January 1982;
- (d) extends the exemption in respect of a retailer supplying milk for consumption on his retail premises to sales in Northern Ireland (article 3(4));
- (e) increases by 0.660p per litre the additional charge which may be made for Channel Islands or South Devon milk on a sale for heat treatment (Schedule 3);
- (f) increases the maximum price for the sale of raw milk for heat treatment with effect from 1st January 1982 by 1.653p per litre in respect of sales at a dairy within the Metropolitan Police District, by 1.783p per litre in respect of sales at other dairies in England and Wales, by 1.874p per litre in respect of dairies in the districts of Northern Ireland specified at (a) and (b) of Schedule 2 to the Milk (Northern Ireland) (No.2) Order 1980, as varied, and by 1.783p per litre in respect of other dairies in Northern Ireland (Schedule 3).

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