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## AGRICULTURE

## LIVESTOCK INDUSTRIES

## The Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1971

*Laid before Parliament in draft**Made* . . . . . 22nd March 1971*Coming into Operation* . . . . . 1st April 1971

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, being the appropriate Minister in relation to a joint scheme for the whole of the United Kingdom, in exercise of the power conferred on them by sections 1 and 4 of the Agriculture (Calf Subsidies) Act 1952(a), as amended by section 10 of the Agriculture Act 1967(b), and by the said section 10, as read with the Transfer of Functions (Wales) Order 1969(c), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following scheme:—

*Citation, extent and commencement*

1. This scheme, which may be cited as the Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1971, shall apply to the United Kingdom and shall come into operation on 1st April 1971.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) In this scheme the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

“the Act” means the Agriculture (Calf Subsidies) Act 1952;

“carcasses” means carcasses of cattle;

“the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) Order” means the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) Order 1964(d), including any order amending or replacing it;

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

“proper officer” means for any of the purposes of this scheme the person for the time being authorised to act for that purpose, in England by the Minister, in Scotland by the Secretary of State for Scotland, in Wales by the Minister and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, or by either of them, and in Northern Ireland by the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

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(a) 1952 c. 62. For change of title of the Minister, see S.I. 1955/554 (1955 I, p. 1200).

(b) 1967 c. 22.

(c) S.I. 1969/388 (1969 I, p. 1070).

(d) S.I. 1964/463 (1964 I, p. 746).

(2) For the purposes of Part I of this scheme the limit of age at which an animal ceases to be a calf shall (subject to paragraph 6(2) below) be the age when it cuts its first permanent incisor tooth.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(a) applies to the interpretation of this scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

#### *Applications for subsidy*

3. It shall be a condition of the payment of a subsidy under this scheme that any person who desires to be paid in accordance with the provisions of this scheme shall apply in writing in such form applicable to Part I or Part II thereof and at such time as in relation to England the Minister, to Scotland the Secretary of State for Scotland, to Wales the Minister and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, and to Northern Ireland the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland may from time to time respectively require.

### PART I

#### STAGE A—CALVES

##### *Rates of subsidy*

4. Subject to the provisions of this scheme, the Minister or the Secretary of State for Scotland may pay to the person who is the owner of a calf to which this part of this scheme applies at the time when the calf is certified to be a calf of the description specified in this part of this scheme—

- (a) in the case of a heifer calf, a subsidy of £9.00, or
- (b) in the case of a steer calf, a subsidy of £11.25.

##### *Eligible calves*

5. The description of calf specified in this part of this scheme is any steer or heifer calf, except a heifer calf of the Guernsey, Jersey, Friesian or Ayrshire breeds, which has been reasonably well reared and is, or will after further rearing be, suitable for beef production or, if a heifer calf, for use for breeding for beef production, being in any case an animal which, if slaughtered either immediately or after a period of further rearing and fattening, would be likely to yield a carcass of reasonably good quality beef, and which, in the case of an animal in Northern Ireland, is without horns, other than rudimentary or stub horns, and without unhealed wounds caused by the removal of its horns.

##### *Conditions of subsidy*

6.—(1) A calf to which this part of this scheme applies is a calf which—

- (a) was born in the United Kingdom within the period beginning with 30th October 1970 and ending with 29th October 1973 ;
- (b) has been certified by a proper officer to be of the description specified in paragraph 5 above ;
- (c) had not been previously so certified under either this scheme or a corresponding provision of any earlier scheme made under the Act ; and
- (d) had not at the time of certification attained the age at which it ceases to be a calf for the purposes of this part of this scheme.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1)(d) above shall not apply where the Minister in the case of an animal in England or Northern Ireland, the Secretary of State for Scotland in the case of an animal in Scotland, or the Minister and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in the case of an animal in Wales, is or are satisfied that the animal in question would have been certified under this part of this scheme before it attained the age referred to in that sub-paragraph had certification not been delayed in order to avoid the risk of the introduction or spreading of animal disease.

(3) It shall be a condition of the payment of a subsidy under this part of this scheme that any person who desires to be paid in accordance with the provisions thereof in respect of any calves shall collect and properly secure them at a convenient place for the purposes of examination and marking in accordance with any order made under section 11 of the Agriculture Act 1967, and shall assist the person appointed for those purposes.

## PART II

### STAGE B—CARCASSES

#### *Subsidies in respect of carcasses*

7.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this part of this scheme the Minister or the Secretary of State for Scotland may pay to the person who is the producer of a carcass to which this part of this scheme applies a subsidy at the rate determined in accordance with paragraph 10 below.

(2) This part of this scheme applies to any carcass which—

(a) is of fat cattle of a guarantee class in respect of which guarantee payments may be made under the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) Order, and

(b) is not the carcass of an animal in respect of which a subsidy has been paid under Part I of this scheme (or any earlier scheme made under the Act) or which has been imported into the United Kingdom.

(3) In this paragraph “producer” means the person in whose name the carcass is presented for certification under this part of this scheme.

#### *Conditions of subsidy*

8. It shall be a condition of the payment of subsidy under this part of this scheme that—

(a) the carcass is presented for certification at the same time and place as it is presented for certification under such arrangements as are in force for payments to be made in respect of fat cattle under the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) Order ;

(b) the carcass is certified by a proper officer to be a carcass of the description specified in paragraph 7(2)(a) above ; and

(c) such proper officer is satisfied that subsidy under any scheme made under the Act, whether as originally enacted or as amended by sections 10 and 11 of the Agriculture Act 1967, has not previously been paid in respect of the animal in question, either as a calf or a carcass.

#### *Period for presentation*

9. Subsidy shall not be payable under this part of this scheme unless the carcass is certified in accordance with paragraph 8(b) above within the period beginning with 1st April 1971 and ending with 31st March 1974.

*Amount of subsidy*

10.—(1) The rates of subsidy in respect of carcasses of animals eligible for subsidy under this part of this scheme shall be such amounts as the Minister, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, with the approval of the Treasury, determine as being approximately equivalent on the average to the rates of subsidy which would have been payable under Part I of this scheme (or any earlier scheme made under the Act) if the animals in question had been certified for subsidy under the said Part I (or any such earlier scheme).

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph the fact that heifer calves of certain breeds are excepted under paragraph 5 of this scheme (or a corresponding provision of any such earlier scheme) shall be disregarded.

*Delegation to Meat and Livestock Commission*

11. The Minister, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, may, to such extent and in such manner as they may from time to time direct, delegate to the Meat and Livestock Commission established under section 1 of the Agriculture Act 1967 any of their functions in relation to Great Britain conferred on them by this part of this scheme.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 15th March 1971.

(L.S.)

*J. M. L. Prior,*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries  
and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 16th March 1971.

(L.S.)

*Gordon Campbell,*  
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under my hand on 18th March 1971.

*Peter Thomas,*  
Secretary of State for Wales.

We approve,  
22nd March 1971.

*H. S. P. Monro,*

*P. L. Hawkins,*

Two of the Lords Commissioners of  
Her Majesty's Treasury.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Part I of this scheme (Stage A), which applies to calves born in the United Kingdom between 30th October 1970 and 29th October 1973, continues provision for the payment of calf subsidies under the Agriculture (Calf Subsidies) Act 1952. The amounts payable per head are £9.00 for heifers and £11.25 for steers.

Part II of the scheme (Stage B), made under the extended powers conferred by section 10 of the Agriculture Act 1967, provides for the payment of subsidy to producers of certain carcasses. Such carcasses must be of a class in respect of which guarantee payments may be made under the fatstock guarantee scheme but must not be of animals in respect of which subsidy has been paid at Stage A, or which have been imported into the United Kingdom. Carcasses must be presented for certification at the same time as they are presented under the fatstock guarantee scheme, and they must be certified between 1st April 1971 and 31st March 1974.

The rates of subsidy at Stage B are such amounts as are determined to be approximately equivalent on the average to the rates which would have been payable at Stage A if the animals in question had been certified (while calves) at Stage A.

The scheme, which applies to the whole of the United Kingdom, contains a provision enabling the Stage B functions in Great Britain to be delegated to the Meat and Livestock Commission.

Apart from a provision excluding from Stage A subsidy calves in Northern Ireland with horns, or with unhealed wounds caused by the removal of their horns, the scheme is similar to the scheme it succeeds.