EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Agriculture (Special Directions) (Maximum Area of Pasture) Order, 1948, authorised the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries to give directions to persons occupying or entitled to occupy agricultural land as to the maximum area of land which may be maintained on an agricultural unit under pasture or herbage crops, pursuant to section 95 (2) (*d*) of the Agriculture Act, 1947. The power so conferred was, under section 95 (1) of that Act, limited to the period ending with the 31st December, 1950, but was extended, under section 95 (8) of the Act, by order for a further year. The present Order, made in exercise of the last-mentioned power, extends the period of operation of the above-mentioned Order of 1948 for a further year ending with the 31st December, 1952.

RESERVE AND AUXILIARY FORCES

The Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) (Agricultural Tenants' Representation) Regulations, 1951

1951 No. 1787

Made - - - -	*2nd October*, 1951
Laid before Parliament	*5th October*, 1951
Coming into Operation	*5th October*, 1951

In pursuance of his powers under Section 22 of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) Act, 1951(**a**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations which may be cited as the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) (Agricultural Tenants' Representation) Regulations, 1951, shall come into operation on the fifth day of October, 1951.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively—

"the Act" means the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) Act, 1951;

"The Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries;

"relevant service" means service after the fifteenth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty, of a description specified in the First Schedule to the Act;

"service man" means a man who performs a period of relevant service;

"short period of training" means a period of relevant service of a description specified in paragraph 2 of the First Schedule to the Act to which a maximum period of fifteen days is attached, of a description specified in paragraph 6 thereof, or of a description specified in paragraph 7 thereof performed under an obligation or voluntary arrangements under which its continuous duration is limited to less than three months.

(a) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 65.

References to a service man include references to a woman who performs a period of relevant service.

References to the time when a service man is serving abroad have the meaning assigned thereto by Section 22 (7) of the Act.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Where the tenant of an agricultural holding or of part of an agricultural holding, being a holding or part of a holding to which Section 21 of the Act applies, is a service man performing a period of relevant service other than a short period of training, and a notice to quit the holding, or the part of the holding, is given to him as mentioned in subsection (1) of the aforesaid Section 21 of the Act, the Minister if it appears to him—

(*a*) that the service man is serving abroad, and

(*b*) that a person other than the service man desires to serve a counter-notice under subsection (1) of Section 24 of the Agricultural Holdings Act, 1948(b), on behalf of the service man, and

(*c*) that the said person, in seeking to serve the counter-notice, is acting in good faith in the interests of the service man, and is a fit person to take that step on his behalf, but is not duly authorised to do so,

may direct that the said person shall be deemed to be duly authorised to take that step on behalf of the service man.

4. Where consequential upon the service of a counter-notice under subsection (1) of Section 24 of the Agricultural Holdings Act, 1948, it is necessary for any act to be performed or any proceedings to be conducted on behalf of a service man at a time when he is serving abroad, in a case to which either subsection (1) or subsection (5) of Section 21 of the Act applies in relation to the service man, and it appears to the Minister that no person is duly authorised to do so, the Minister may direct that a fit person who is willing to perform the act or conduct the proceedings on behalf of the service man shall be deemed to be duly authorised to perform the act or conduct the proceedings, and to take all such steps as may be necessary or incidental thereto.

5. For the purpose of requiring that a decision by the Minister to give his consent to the operation of a notice to quit may be referred to an Agricultural Land Tribunal under subsection (4) of Section 25 of the Agricultural Holdings Act, 1948, and for the purpose of the conduct of proceedings before a Tribunal, and of all matters incidental to the reference, the Tribunal may, in either of the cases and in the circumstances mentioned in the last preceding Regulation, direct that a fit person who is willing to perform any act or conduct any proceedings on behalf of the service man shall be deemed to be duly authorised to perform the act or conduct the proceedings and to take all such steps as may be necessary or incidental thereto.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this second day of October nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

(L.S.) *T. Williams.*

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The Agricultural Holdings Act, 1948, provides that, with certain exceptions, a notice to quit an agricultural holding shall not have effect unless the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries consents to its operation. Section 21 of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) Act, 1951, modifies the Agricultural Holdings Act, 1948, where the tenant residing on an agricultural holding is a service man performing a period of service other than a short period of training so as to make the consent of the Minister necessary for the operation of the notice to quit and so as to enable the Minister to take into consideration special hardship which would be caused to the service man by the operation of the notice to quit. If the tenant residing on an agricultural holding does not agree to accept notice to quit his holding he has to serve a counter-notice on his landlord and to take certain steps to bring the matter before the Minister and, if he desires to appeal against the Minister's decision, an Agricultural Land Tribunal. Where a service man is serving abroad at the time when notice to quit his holding is served there may be no one authorised by him to take the necessary steps. These Regulations provide that the Minister, or an Agricultural Land Tribunal, may give directions authorising any suitable person to do any act or conduct any proceedings on behalf of the service man.

WOOL

The British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1951

1951 No. 744

Made - - - -	12*th April*, 1951
Laid before Parliament	16*th April*, 1951
Coming into Operation	30*th April*, 1951

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for the Home Department (being the Secretaries of State concerned with Agriculture in Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively), in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section four of the Agriculture Act, 1947(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with such bodies of persons as appear to each of them to represent the interests of producers of wool, and with the approval of the Treasury, hereby severally make the following Order:—*

1. This Order may be cited as the British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1951, and shall come into operation on the thirtieth day of April, 1951.

2.—(1) In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

"The appropriate Minister" means, in relation to any part of the United Kingdom, the Minister concerned with agriculture therein;

"The Board" means the British Wool Marketing Board set up under the Scheme;

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* The necessary Resolutions were passed by the House of Commons on 26th April, 1951, and by the House of Lords on 26th April, 1951.

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.