STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 854

AGRICULTURE

The Price Stability of Imported Products (Levy Arrangements) (Beef and Veal) Order 1971

Made - - - -	21*st May* 1971
Laid before Parliament	26*th May* 1971
Coming into Operation	3*rd July* 1971

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 upon them by section 1(2), (4) and (6) of the Agriculture and Horticulture Act 1964(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Price Stability of Imported Products (Levy Arrangements) (Beef and Veal) Order 1971, and shall come into operation on 3rd July 1971.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this order, except where the context otherwise requires—

"the Act" means the Agriculture and Horticulture Act 1964;

"the Commissioners" means the Commissioners of Customs and Excise;

"minimum import price level" means in relation to imports into the United Kingdom of any specified commodity a minimum import price level for the time being prescribed therefor by the Ministers, with the approval of the Treasury, by order made under section 1(2), (4) and (6) of the Act;

"the Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food;

"the Ministers" means the Minister and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with agriculture in Scotland and Northern Ireland, acting jointly;

"produce" and "related product" have the meaning respectively assigned to them by section 1(10) of the Act;

"specified commodity" means any description of produce or related product in relation to which the powers conferred by section 1(2) of the Act are for the time being exercisable by virtue of the Price Stability of Imported Products (Specified Commodities) (Beef and Veal) Order 1971(b) (being an order made by the Ministers under section 1(1) of the Act).

(a) 1964 c. 28.

(b) S.I. 1971/802 (1971 II, p. 2299).

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

(3) Any reference in this order to any other order shall be construed as a reference to that order as amended by any subsequent order, and if any order referred to in this order is replaced by any subsequent order the reference shall be construed as a reference to that subsequent order.

Charging of levies

3. With a view to maintaining the minimum import price level for any specified commodity or allowing for the effect for that or other specified commodities of its maintenance there shall be charged for the use of Her Majesty such levy on any specified commodity imported into the United Kingdom as may be determined in accordance with the provisions of this order.

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this order, a levy shall be charged on all imports into the United Kingdom of a specified commodity for which a rate of levy prescribed by order made by the Minister is for the time being in force.

(2) No levy shall be chargeable on any specified commodity imported into the United Kingdom which the Commissioners are satisfied falls within the provisions of the Schedule to this order.

Prescribing of levies

5. Before prescribing the rate of any levy to be charged on any specified commodity imported into the United Kingdom the Minister shall compare the appropriate minimum import price level—

(*a*) with prices, assessed by the Minister on a basis similar to that which applies to the minimum import price level, at which consignments of the specified commodity are or might reasonably be available for import into the United Kingdom;

(*b*) in the case of fat cows and bulls, fat heifers and fat bullocks, with the corresponding average market price of fat cattle estimated by the Minister for the purpose from current prices at markets in the United Kingdom;

(*c*) in the case of any specified commodity being fresh, chilled or frozen beef or veal, with the said corresponding average market price of fat cattle multiplied by the same co-efficient as was used by Ministers in prescribing the minimum import price level for that specified commodity in relation to the minimum import price level for fat cattle;

and shall also take into account any other factors which he considers relevant with a view to maintaining the appropriate minimum import price level or to allowing for the effect for that or other specified commodities of its maintenance.

(a) 1889 c. 63.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 20th May 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 20th May 1971.

(L.S.)

Gordon Campbell,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 20th May 1971.

R. Maudling,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Approved,
21st May 1971.

P. L. Hawkins,
H. S. P. Monro,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Article 4(2) SCHEDULE

No levy is chargeable on any specified commodity imported into the United Kingdom which the Commissioners are satisfied has been produced in the Republic of Ireland and consigned to the United Kingdom from that country.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order, which comes into force on 3rd July 1971, provides for the charging of levies on fat cattle and fresh, chilled or frozen beef and veal which are specified commodities for the purposes of section 1 of the Agriculture and Horticulture Act 1964. Such levies may be charged in support of the minimum import prices already prescribed under that same section.

The levy will be chargeable on all imports of the specified commodities (other than those imports which are specifically exempt under article 4(2) of, and the Schedule to, the order) for which a rate of levy is for the time being fixed by the Minister by order.