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Potatoes (Assured Markets) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987

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Coming into operation . . *1st April 1987*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 3(1) and (2) and 19(1) of the Agriculture and Fisheries (Financial Assistance) (Northern Ireland) Order 1987(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel and after consultation with producers in accordance with Article 7(1) of the said Order hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Potatoes (Assured Markets) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1987.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"guaranteed prices" means the prices determined by the Department pursuant to Article 3;

"potatoes" means potatoes grown in Northern Ireland;

"potatoes grown for sale for human consumption" may include potatoes grown for seed but does not include new potatoes (that is to say, potatoes which are sold and delivered before 1st July in the calendar year in which they have been grown and harvested);

"producer" means a producer of potatoes;

"year" means any period of 12 months commencing with 1st July.

Determination of guaranteed prices

3. The Department shall in the light of the annual review determine each year:

(*a*) guaranteed prices per tonne for potatoes grown for sale for human consumption by producers, and

(*b*) the quantity of such potatoes to which the guaranteed prices will apply.

Purchase of potatoes by the Department

4.—(1) The Department may, in such manner and at such time as appears to it to be appropriate purchase at the guaranteed price any amount of potatoes within the quantity determined under Article 3(*b*).

(a) S.I. 1987/166 (N.I. 1)