

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby announce that They have made an Order under Sections 21 and 22 of the Finance Act, 1948, entitled the Purchase Tax (No. 6) Order, 1948, amending the provisions of Part II of the Eighth Schedule to the Finance Act, 1948, which relate to the exemption from Purchase Tax of certain drugs and medicines.

The amendments provide that

(i) goods shall not be exempt if any of the obligatory or optional particulars under that Part of that Schedule on the goods or their get-up are trade marks or are in a style of writing similar to a trade-mark

(ii) subject to the conditions set out in the said Part II, drugs and medicines described in any Drug Tariff determined by the Minister of Health for the purposes of the National Health Service shall be exempt from tax.

The Order, which comes into operation on the 1st January 1949, has been published as Statutory Instruments, 1948, No. 2720, and may be obtained, price 1d. net, from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2; 39 King Street, Manchester, 2; 2 Edmund Street, Birmingham, 3; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol, 1; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Friday the 31st December 1948, at 1 p.m., for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Treasury Bills Act, 1877, the National Debt Act, 1889, and the National Loans Act, 1939, to the amount of £170,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5000, £10,000, £25,000, £50,000, or £100,000. They will be dated at the option of the Tenderer on any business day from Monday the 3rd January 1949, to Saturday the 8th January 1949, inclusive, and will be payable at three months after date.

3. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

4. Each Tender must be for an amount not less than £50,000 and must specify the date on which the Bills required are to be dated, and the net amount per cent. (being an even multiple of one penny) which will be given for the amount applied for. Separate Tenders must be lodged for Bills of different dates.

5. Tenders must be made through a London Banker, Discount House, or Broker.

6. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same not later than the following day, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England by means of cash or a Banker's Draft

on the Bank of England not later than 1.30 p.m. (Saturday, 12 noon) on the day on which the relative Bills are to be dated.

7. Members of the House of Commons are not precluded from tendering for these Bills.

8. Tenders must be made on the printed forms which may be obtained from the Chief Cashier's Office, Bank of England.

9. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers,
24th December 1948.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Lanark.

Lieutenant-Colonel William George Dunlop, O.B.E., M.C., T.D.,

Lieutenant-Colonel James Forsyth Gibson, M.C., T.D., to be Deputy Lieutenants.—Dated 14th December 1948.

STATEMENT showing the QUANTITIES SOLD and AVERAGE PRICES OF BRITISH CORN per cwt. of 112 Imperial lb.* computed from returns received by the MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES in the week ended 25th December 1948, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882, the Corn Sales Act, 1921, and the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1943.

British Corn.	Quantities Sold.	Average Price per Cwt.	
		s.	d.
WHEAT	Cwt. 359,902	23	0
BARLEY	338,109	27	7
OATS	30,155	21	3

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, as amended by Section 2 of the Corn Sales Act, 1921, provides that, in the weekly summary of quantities and prices each sort of British Corn shall be computed with reference to the cwt. of 112 Imperial Standard lb.

NOTE: The above statement is based on returns received from 108 prescribed towns in England and Wales in the week ended 25th December 1948. The prices represent the average for all sales at these towns, which include transactions between growers and merchants, and some transactions between merchants, during the week ended 18th December 1948.

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DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1894 TO 1937, AND AGRICULTURE ACT, 1937 (PART IV.).

GREAT BRITAIN.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

RETURN No. 23/1948. OUTBREAKS OF SCHEDULED (NOTIFIABLE) DISEASES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE MINISTRY during the period 1st to 15th DECEMBER 1948.

Summary of Returns of outbreaks of certain scheduled (notifiable) diseases which have been confirmed by the Ministry during the period 1st to 15th December 1948.

Period.	Anthrax.		Foot-and-Mouth Disease.		Fowl Pest.	Parasitic Mange.*		Sheep Scab.	Swine Fever.	
	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals attacked.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals slaughtered as diseased or exposed to infection.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals attacked.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Swine slaughtered.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Period 1st to 15th December 1948	9	9	1	64	5	—	—	4	—	—
Corresponding period in { 1947	4	4	—	—	109	—	—	10	—	—
{ 1946	4	4	4	390	—	—	—	2	5	2
{ 1945	2	2	2	126	—	—	—	8	15	—
Total 1st January to 15th December 1948	110	113	12	1,459	259	1	1	64	27	5
Corresponding period in { 1947	115	133	103	10,890	2,174	1	2	86	34	8
{ 1946	91	94	41	4,572	—	7	8	92	345	206
{ 1945	115	131	127	10,452	—	6	6	118	906	579

NOTE.—The figures for the current year are approximate only.

* Excluding outbreaks in Army Horses.

NOTE.—The following diseases were eradicated from Great Britain in the years indicated:—Cattle plague, or rinder-pest (*pestis bovina*) 1877; pleuro-pneumonia (*peripneumonia contagiosa bovum*) 1898; sheep pox (*variola ovium*) 1850; rabies 1922; epizootic lymphangitis (*lymphangitis epizootica*) 1906; and glanders (including farcy) (*malleus*) 1928. Dourine (*trypanosoma evansi*) has never existed in Great Britain.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,
24th December 1948.