

Regulations and to continue in force until Regulations have been made in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of that Act.

Copies of the Provisional Regulations, which constitute the draft of the proposed Regulations, can be obtained forthwith from the Assistant Secretary, Roads Department, Ministry of Transport, 7, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W. 1, and as soon as they are printed from H.M. Stationery Office, at the following addresses:—Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2; 120, George Street, Edinburgh; York Street, Manchester; or 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff.

Dated this twenty-first day of April, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

(Sgd.) *J. S. Pool Godsell,*  
An Assistant Secretary.

7, Whitehall Gardens,  
London, S.W. 1.

#### AGRICULTURAL WAGES (REGULATION) ACT, 1924.

Whereas the Agricultural Wages Committee for the area comprising the administrative county of Chester, which for the purposes of the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Act, 1924, shall be deemed to include the city and county borough of Chester, and the county boroughs of Birkenhead, Stockport and Wallasey have, in pursuance of the above Act, duly fixed minimum and overtime rates of wages for workers employed in agriculture for time work in that area, and the said rates are set out in the Schedule to this Order. Now the Agricultural Wages Board, in pursuance of the said Act, and for the purpose of carrying out the decision of the said Committee, hereby order that the provisions contained in the Schedule to this Order shall become effective on 2nd May, 1931.

#### SCHEDULE.

1. The wages payable for employment of workers shall be not less than wages at the following minimum rates:—

		Per week of 54 hours.	
		s.	d.
<b>(a) Male Workers.</b>			
21 years of age and over	...	35	0
20 and under 21 years	...	29	0
19	20	26	0
18	19	22	0
17	18	17	0
16	17	15	0
15	16	12	0
14	15	11	0
		Per hour.	
		d.	
18 years of age and over	...	6	
16 and under 18 years	...	5	
14	16	4	

Provided that in the case of female workers engaged for milking, such workers shall receive not less than 6d. per "meal," i.e. each occasion on which the worker visits her place of employment for the purpose of milking.

2. Where a whole-time male worker is employed by the week or any longer period and the hours of work agreed between the worker and the employer in any week (excluding hours

of overtime employment) are less than 54 the rate of wages applicable to that worker shall be such as to secure to the worker the wages which would have been payable if the agreed hours had been 54.

3. For the purpose of the above rates, the hours of work shall not include meal times, but shall include any time during which by reason of weather conditions, an employer has prevented from working a worker who was present at the place of employment and ready to work.

4. The differential rates of wages for overtime employment shall be not less than the following minimum rates:—

		Per hour.	
		d.	
<b>Male Workers:</b>			
21 years of age and over	...	9	
20 and under 21 years	...	8	
19	20	8	
18	19	7	
17	18	6	
16	17	5	
15	16	4	
14	15	3	

5. These rates shall continue in operation until 31st October, 1931.

6. For the purpose of the application of the above differential rates of wages for overtime employment the Cheshire Agricultural Wages Committee have by Order dated 7th February, 1925, defined the following employment as the employment which is to be treated as overtime employment:—

(a) All employment in excess of 6½ hours on a Saturday or on such other day (not being Sunday) in every week as may be agreed between the employer and the worker.

(b) All employment on a Sunday.

(c) All employment in excess of 54 hours in any week (excluding all hours which are to be treated as hours of overtime employment).

By Order of the Agricultural Wages Board.

*E. C. Izer,*  
Secretary.

7, Whitehall Place,  
London, S.W. 1.  
21st April, 1931.

NOTES.—1. The Cheshire Agricultural Wages Committee have by Order dated 1st December, 1928, defined a cottage, milk, board and lodging as the only benefits or advantages which may be reckoned as payment of wages in lieu of cash and the values at which they are to be reckoned for the purpose. Copies of the Order may be obtained from the Secretary, Cheshire Agricultural Wages Committee, Cornwall Buildings, 45, Newhall Street, Birmingham.

2. Applications for Permits of Exemption (which may be obtained in cases where a worker is affected by physical injury or mental deficiency, or any infirmity due to age or to any other cause) should be addressed to the Secretary of the Committee at the address given above.

3. Complaints as to non-payment of the prescribed rates of wages should be addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, 7, Whitehall Place, London, S.W. 1.

Copies of the above Order may be obtained from the Secretary, Cheshire Agricultural Wages Committee, Cornwall Buildings, 45, Newhall Street, Birmingham.