

# Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

# **1976 CHAPTER 55**

#### **PART I**

## MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

## 4 Grants in connection with proficiency tests in crafts related to agriculture

- (1) This section applies to any body of persons the activities of which include the taking of measures for some or all of the following purposes, namely—
  - (a) devising, formulating and promoting proficiency tests in crafts related to agriculture in England and Wales, formulating standards for those tests, and revising those tests and standards from time to time;
  - (b) co-ordinating the activities of bodies carrying out such proficiency tests in England or Wales, and monitoring the methods and standards of such bodies in carrying out those tests; and
  - (c) making and maintaining arrangements for obtaining and evaluating data about the use and results of such proficiency tests in England and Wales (including their use by the Agricultural Wages Board for England and Wales in connection with the fixing of minimum rates of wages for workers employed in agriculture).
- (2) The Minister may with the approval of the Treasury make payments by way of grant to any body to which this section applies for use in or towards meeting expenditure incurred or to be incurred by the body for or in connection with any purpose mentioned in subsection (1) above.
- (3) A payment under this section may be made on such conditions as the Minister thinks fit to impose, including conditions for restricting the purposes for which it can be used.
- (4) If, in the case of any payment made under this section, it appears to the Minister—
  - (a) that the payment or any part of it has not been used for the purpose for which it was made; or

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- (b) that, as regards the payment or any part of it, any condition on which the payment was made has not been complied with in a material respect, he may on demand recover an amount equal to the payment or that part of it, as the case may be.
- (5) In this section "agriculture" includes horticulture and forestry.