STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1976 No. 1771

AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL GRANTS, GOODS AND SERVICES

The Agriculture Act 1967 (Amendment) Regulations 1976

Made - - - - 26th October 1976

Laid before Parliament 2nd November 1976

Coming into Operation 1st December 1976

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, being Ministers designated for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Economic Community(1), in exercise of the power conferred upon them by the said section 2(2) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

- 1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Agriculture Act 1967 (Amendment) Regulations 1976, and shall come into operation on 1st December 1976.
- (2) The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendment of the Agriculture Act 1967

- 2.—(1) In section 27(1) for paragraph (d) thereof there shall be substituted—
- "or (d) where the grant is made in pursuance of provisions of a scheme implementing, or arising out of or related to, a Community obligation."
- (2) The paragraph (d) so substituted is in place of the paragraph (d) added by the Agriculture Act 1967 (Amendment) Regulations 1973(2).

⁽¹⁾ S.I.1972/1811(1972 III, p. 5216).

^{(2) (1973} II, p. 4287).

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In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 21st October 1976.

L.S.

John Silkin Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

26th October 1976 Secretary of State for Scotland

John Morris

Secretary of State for Wales

Bruce Millan

22nd October 1976

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations, which apply to the whole of the United Kingdom, amend section 27 of the Agriculture Act 1967 (which makes provision for grants to be made to individuals who in prescribed circumstances relinquish occupation of uncommercial units of agricultural land), so that grant may be made in pursuance of provisions of a scheme implementing, or arising out of, or related to Community obligations, particularly those specified in Directive 72/160/EEC of the Council (O.J./ S.E. 1972 (II), p. 332)) on encouragement to cease farming and the reallocation for the purpose of structural improvement of the agricultural area to be released.