



# Agricultural Wages Act 1948

1948 CHAPTER 47 11 and 12 Geo 6

*Supplementary*

## 17 Interpretation.

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say,—

“agriculture” includes dairy-farming, the production of any consumable produce which is grown for sale or for consumption or other use for the purposes of a trade or business or of any other undertaking (whether carried on for profit or not), and the use of land as grazing, meadow or pasture land or orchard or osier land or woodland or for market gardens or nursery grounds;

“consumable produce” means produce grown for consumption or for other use after severance from the land on which it is grown;

[<sup>F1</sup>“county” means a county established by or under the <sup>M1</sup>Local Government Act 1972;]

“employment” means employment under a contract of service or apprenticeship, and the expressions “employed” and “employer” shall be construed accordingly;

“the Minister” means [<sup>F2</sup>the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries [and Food];

[<sup>F3</sup>[<sup>F4</sup>“the national minimum wage” means the single hourly rate for the time being in force by virtue of regulations under section 1(3) of the National Minimum Wage Act 1998, but this definition is subject to subsection (1A) of this section;]]

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Minister by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament;

“worker” includes a boy, woman and girl.

<sup>F5</sup>[(1A) [<sup>F6</sup>If, in the case of persons of any description, regulations under subsection (2) of section 3 of the National Minimum Wage Act 1998—

- (a) prevent them being persons who (within the meaning of that Act) qualify for the national minimum wage, or

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- (b) prescribe a rate (“the reduced rate”) for the national minimum wage other than the single hourly rate for the time being prescribed under section 1(3) of that Act,

this Act shall have effect in relation to persons of that description as if in a case falling within paragraph (a) above the national minimum wage were nil and in a case falling within paragraph (b) above the national minimum wage were the reduced rate.]]

(2) ..... F7

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Definition substituted by [S.I. 1974/514, art. 3\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- F2** Words substituted by virtue of [S.I. 1955/554](#) (1955 I, p. 1200), art. 3
- F3** Words in s. 17(1) repealed (1.10.2013 for E.) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 20 para. 2](#); [S.I. 2013/1455](#), art. 3(b), [Sch. 2](#) (as amended (7.9.2013) by [S.I. 2013/2271](#), art. 2)
- F4** Definition of “the national minimum wage” inserted (1.4.1999) by [1998 c. 39, s. 47, Sch. 2 Pt. I para. 9\(2\)](#) (with s. 36); [S.I. 1999/685](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#) (with art. 3)
- F5** S. 17(1A) inserted (1.4.1999) by [1998 c. 39, s. 47, Sch. 2 Pt. I para. 9\(3\)](#) (with s. 36); [S.I. 1999/685](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#) (with art. 3)
- F6** S. 17(1A) repealed (1.10.2013 for E.) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 20 para. 2](#); [S.I. 2013/1455](#), art. 3(b), [Sch. 2](#) (as amended (7.9.2013) by [S.I. 2013/2271](#), art. 2)
- F7** S. 17(2)–(4) repealed by [S.I. 1974/514, art. 3\(1\)\(b\)](#)

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** [1972 c. 70](#).

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