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AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL GRANTS, GOODS AND SERVICES

The Fertilisers (United Kingdom) (Amendment) Scheme 1970*Laid before Parliament in draft**Made - - - - - 31st March 1970**Coming into Operation - 1st April 1970*

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Wales and the Secretary of State for Scotland, acting jointly, (being the appropriate Ministers as defined in section 6(2) of the Agriculture (Fertilisers) Act 1952(a) as read with Articles 3 and 5 of the Transfer of Functions (Wales) Order 1969(b) in relation to a joint scheme for England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland), in exercise of their powers under sections 1 and 4 of the said Act and sections 4 and 5(1) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1963(c) (as read with the said order) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following scheme of which a draft has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:—

Citation, application, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This scheme, which may be cited as the Fertilisers (United Kingdom) (Amendment) Scheme 1970, shall apply to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and shall come into operation on the day following that on which it is made.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(d) shall apply to the interpretation of this scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Extension of operation of principal scheme

2. The Fertilisers (United Kingdom) Scheme 1969(e) (which provides for the payment of a contribution towards the cost of a fertiliser delivered during the period beginning with 1st June 1969 and ending with 31st May 1970) (hereinafter referred to as “the principal scheme”) shall be extended to have effect in relation to a fertiliser satisfying the requirements of that scheme, except the requirement in paragraph 3 thereof as to the period of delivery, where such fertiliser is delivered to the purchaser during the period beginning with 1st June 1970 and ending with 31st May 1971.

Amendment of principal scheme

3. In sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 5 of the principal scheme the words “in special circumstances” shall be omitted.

(a) 1952 c. 15. (b) S.I. 1969/388 (1969 I, p. 1070). (c) 1963 c. 11.
(d) 1889 c. 63. (e) S.I. 1969/776 (1969 II, p. 2186).

Contribution for fertilisers delivered between 1st April 1970 and 18th March 1971

4. A contribution in accordance with the principal scheme, extended as aforesaid, which may be made in relation to a fertiliser delivered to the purchaser during the period beginning with 1st April 1970 and ending with 18th March 1971, shall be calculated in accordance with the Schedule to this scheme instead of in accordance with the Schedule to the principal scheme.

In Witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 26th March 1970.

(L.S.)

Cledwyn Hughes,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under my hand on 26th March 1970.

George Thomas,
Secretary of State for Wales.

Given under the seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 26th March 1970.

(L.S.)

William Ross,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Approved on 31st March 1970.

E. G. Perry,
Ernest Armstrong,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

SCHEDULE
RATES OF CONTRIBUTION FOR FERTILISERS

	<i>Per ton</i>		
	£	s. d.	£
For each 1 per cent. (and proportionately for each 0·1 per cent.) by weight of nitrogen (N)	6	3	(0·3125)
For each 1 per cent. (and proportionately for each 0·1 per cent.) by weight of water-soluble phosphoric acid (P ₂ O ₅)..	5	7½	(0·28125)
For each 1 per cent. (and proportionately for each 0·1 per cent.) by weight of phosphoric acid (P ₂ O ₅) insoluble in water other than phosphoric acid (P ₂ O ₅) in basic slag or potassic basic slag	3	4½	(0·16875)
For basic slag or potassic basic slag delivered in Great Britain containing not less (by weight) than:—			
6 per cent. of phosphoric acid (P ₂ O ₅)	1	11 0	(1·55)
7 per cent. of phosphoric acid (P ₂ O ₅)	1	14 9	(1·7375)
8 per cent. of phosphoric acid (P ₂ O ₅)	1	18 3	(1·9125)
9 per cent. of phosphoric acid (P ₂ O ₅)	2	0 9	(2·0375)
10 per cent. of phosphoric acid (P ₂ O ₅)	2	3 6	(2·175)
11 per cent. of phosphoric acid (P ₂ O ₅)	2	5 9	(2·2875)
12 per cent. of phosphoric acid (P ₂ O ₅)	2	7 3	(2·3625)
and thereafter at rates increased by 4s. 0d. (£0·20) for every additional 1 per cent. of phosphoric acid (P ₂ O ₅).			
For each 1 per cent. by weight of phosphoric acid (P ₂ O ₅) in basic slag or potassic basic slag containing not less than 6 per cent. by weight of phosphoric acid (P ₂ O ₅) delivered in Northern Ireland	5	3	(0·2625)
For the purposes of this Schedule			
(a) “ basic slag ” means the article defined under that name in Schedule 4 to the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act 1926(a) as varied in Great Britain by the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Regulations 1968(b) and in Northern Ireland by the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960(c).			
(b) “ potassic basic slag ” means a mixture of basic slag with a potassium salt.			

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the scheme.)

This scheme extends for a period of one year the operation of the Fertilisers (United Kingdom) Scheme 1969 (S.I. 1969/776). That scheme, which applies to the United Kingdom, provides for the payment of contributions towards the cost of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilisers applied to agricultural land or to crops thereon or used for the growing of mushrooms. The period during which such fertilisers are to be delivered in order to qualify for contributions is extended by this scheme to two years, instead of one, from 1st June 1969.

The rates of contribution are set out in the Schedule to the 1969 Scheme but the present scheme substitutes, in respect of fertilisers delivered between 1st April 1970 and 18th March 1971, the rates which are set out in the Schedule to this scheme.

(a) 1926 c. 45.

(b) S.I. 1968/218 (1968 I, p. 563).

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960/145.

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