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AGRICULTURE

The Agriculture Act 1967 (Amendment) Regulations 1978

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>21st February 1978</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>2nd March 1978</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>1st April 1978</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers vested in them by section 7(1) and (2)(a) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and after consultation with such organisations as appear to them appropriate as representing any interests concerned, hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Agriculture Act 1967 (Amendment) Regulations 1978 and shall come into operation on the 1st April 1978.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendment of Act

2. The Agriculture Act 1967(c) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) in subsection (7)(a) of section 51 (schemes for co-ordinated amalgamations and reshaping of agricultural units in area of a Rural Development Board), for the word “acreage” in each place where the same occurs there shall be substituted the word “area”;

(2) in subsection (2)(d) of section 52 (control of afforestation in area of a Rural Development Board), for the words “ten acres” in each place where the same occur there shall be substituted the words “four hectares”.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 17th February 1978.

(L.S.)

John Silkin,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

20th February 1978.

Bruce Millan,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

21st February 1978.

John Morris,
Secretary of State for Wales.

(a) 1976 c. 55.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) 1967 c. 22.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations, which come into force on 1st April 1978, amend section 51(7)(a) of the Agriculture Act 1967 by substituting for the word "acreage" therein the word "area", and amend section 52(2)(d) of the Agriculture Act 1967 by substituting for references therein to areas expressed in imperial units references to areas expressed in metric units.

The effect is to substitute four hectares (9.88 acres) for ten acres being the upper limit of an area of land which may be afforested in the area of a Rural Development Board without a licence from them.

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