STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1984 No. 1923

AGRICULTURE HORTICULTURE

The Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1984

Made - - - - - 6th December 1984

Laid before Parliament 11th December 1984

Coming into Operation 12th December 1984

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 28 and 29 of the Agriculture Act 1970(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following scheme:—

Citation and commencement

1. This scheme may be cited as the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1984 and shall come into operation on 12th December 1984.

Saving

2. This scheme shall not apply in relation to any claim for grant towards expenditure incurred for the purposes of the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant Scheme 1980(b) (hereinafter called "the principal scheme") before 12th December 1984; and this scheme shall not affect the operation of the principal scheme in relation to any such claim for grant.

Variation of principal scheme

3. The principal scheme shall be further varied in accordance with paragraphs 4 to 8 of this scheme.

⁽a) 1970 c. 40.

⁽b) S.I. 1980/1072; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1983/1764, 1984/619.

- 4. In paragraph 3(1) thereof (payment of grant) there shall be substituted for subparagraph (a) the following subparagraph—
 - "(a) has been incurred in respect of any work, facility or transaction of a kind specified in—
 - (i) any of paragraphs 1 to 6, 7(i), 7(ii), 8 to 11, 12(i), 12(ii) and 13 to 17 of column 1 of the Schedule;
 - (ii) in relation to Scotland only, paragraph 7(iii) of column 1 of the Schedule;
 - (iii) in relation to Northern Ireland only, paragraph 12(iii) of column 1 of the Schedule;".
- 5. In paragraph 6(1) thereof (restrictions on payment of grant) there shall be substituted for the amount "52,599 ECU" the amount "40,000 ECU" and there shall be inserted at the end the words "except to the extent that such excess expenditure or excess aggregate expenditure has been incurred in relation to any work, facility or transaction of a kind specified in paragraph 2(ii), 13(iii) or 16(ii) of column 1 of the Schedule and does not exceed the further sum of 39,379 ECU".
- 6. In paragraph 7(1) thereof (restrictions on payment of grant) there shall be substituted for the words from "exceeds 160,000 ECU" to the end the words "exceeds 80,000 ECU, that Minister shall not pay grant towards so much of that expenditure or, as the case may be, that aggregate as exceeds that figure except to the extent that such excess expenditure or excess aggregate expenditure has been incurred in relation to any work, facility or transaction—
 - (i) of a kind specified in paragraph 2(ii) or 16(ii) of column 1 of the Schedule and does not exceed the further sum of 130,000 ECU; or
 - (ii) of a kind specified in paragraph 13(ii) or 13(iii) of column 1 of the Schedule and does not exceed the further sum of 80,000 ECU.".
 - 7. In paragraph 9(1) thereof (amounts of grant)—
 - (a) in subparagraph (a) there shall be substituted for the words "paragraphs 1 to 5, 7(iii) and 13 to 16" the words "paragraphs 2, 3, 7(iii) and 13 to 16";
 - (b) in subparagraph (b) there shall be substituted for the words "paragraphs 6, 7(i), 7(ii) and 8 to 12" the words "paragraphs 1, 4 to 6, 7(i), 7(ii) and 8 to 12";
 - (c) in subparagraph (bA)(ii) there shall be substituted for the words "paragraphs 6, 7(i), 7(ii) and 9 to 12" the words "paragraphs 1, 4 to 6, 7(i), 7(ii) and 9 to 12".
- 8. The Schedule to this scheme shall be substituted for the Schedule to the principal scheme (eligible works, facilities and transactions and rates of grant).

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 6th December 1984.

(L.S.)

Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland.

6th December 1984.

Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales.

6th December 1984.

We approve,

T. Garel-Jones,
Donald Thompson,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

6th December 1984.

SCHEDULE

Paragraph 8

CONTAINING NEW SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL SCHEME

"SCHEDULE

Eligible Works, Facilities and Transactions and Rates of Grant

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Kind of work or facility or transaction	Agricultural business. Rate of grant. Per cent.	Agricultural business in Less-Favoured Area. Rate of grant. Per cent.	Horticultural production business. Rate of grant. Per cent.
1. (i) Provision, replacement, improvement, alteration, enlargement or reconditioning of the main framework of permanent buildings (except living accommodation or such buildings designed and intended for the drying or storage of grain (see paragraph 1(ii) of this Schedule) or for the production of horticultural produce (see paragraph 2(i) of this Schedule)), permanently sited durable structures for cladding with plastic (except such structures designed and intended for the production of horticultural produce (see paragraph 2(i) of this Schedule)), bulk dry stores or silos (except such stores or silos designed and intended for the drying or storage of grain (see paragraph 1(ii) of this Schedule)), yards, loading platforms, ramps or banks.	15	20*	15
(ii) Provision, replacement, improvement, alteration, enlargement or reconditioning of the main framework of permanent buildings, bulk dry stores or silos designed and intended for the drying or storage of grain for consumption solely by livestock kept on the land used in connection with the carrying on of the agricultural business to which the claim for grant relates.	15	20*	Nil

^{*} In accordance with paragraph 9(1) these rates of grant are available only to agricultural businesses with an income per labour unit less than the comparable income.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Kind of work or facility or transaction	Agricultural business. Rate of grant. Per cent.	Agricultural business in Less-Favoured Area. Rate of grant. Per cent.	Horticultural production business. Rate of grant. Per cent.
2. (i) Replacement, reconstruction, alteration, reconditioning or other improvement to the main framework of permanent buildings, of glasshouses (except glasshouses of a kind specified in paragraph 2(ii) of this Schedule) or of durable structures for cladding with plastic (except the outer cladding of such structures unless this outer cladding is of adequate durability) where such buildings, glasshouses or structures are designed and intended for production of horticultural produce.	Nil	Nil	15
(ii) Replacement, reconstruction, alteration, reconditioning or other improvement (including the supply and installation of permanent thermal insulation) of heated glasshouses in existence on 1st December 1983 being heated internally by means of permanent installations for the consumption of fuel.	Nii	Nil	37.5
3. Supply and installation of permanent thermal insulation, vapour sealing or gas sealing for the control of temperature or atmosphere in buildings designed and intended for horticultural use.	Nil	Nil	15
4. Provision, replacement or improvement of systems for the disposal of agricultural waste.	15	20*	15
5. Provision, replacement or improvement of facilities for the supply of electricity or gas for agricultural purposes.	15	20*	15

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6. Provision, replacement or improvement of facilities for the supply or storage of water for agricultural purposes.	15	30*	15
7. (i) Provision, replacement or improvement of field drainage including under-drainage and ditching but excluding any hedge removal.	15	30*	15
(ii) Works and facilities to prevent the flooding of agricultural land by watercourses.	15	30*	15
(iii) In Scotland only, making, improvement or alteration of the banks or channels of watercourses or other agricultural flood protection works to provide or improve the drainage of agricultural land or to prevent or mitigate the flooding or erosion of agricultural land.	40	50	Nil
8. Provision, replacement or improvement of roads, paths and other permanent ways, grids, hard standings, fords, bridges, culverts, railway crossings, creeps, piers, jetties or slips.	15	20*†	15
9. Provision, replacement or improvement of pens, dips, stells or other facilities designed and intended for use in connection with the gathering, treatment or feeding of livestock or to provide a shelter, in an area removed from other farm buildings, which allows the livestock to move in or out	15	30*	Nil

^{*} In accordance with paragraph 9(1) these rates of grant are available only to agricultural businesses with an income per labour unit less than the comparable income.

[†] In accordance with paragraph 9(1) this rate of grant is available only to agricultural businesses situated on severely disadvantaged land.

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Kind of work or facility or transaction	Agricultural business. Rate of grant. Per cent.	Agricultural business in Less-Favoured Area. Rate of grant. Per cent.	Horticultural production business. Rate of grant. Per cent.
without restriction in periods of adverse weather, but not suitable for permanent housing or for in- wintering.			
10. (i) Provision, replacement or improvement of hedges, walls and dykes (where the walls and dykes are built of materials traditional in the locality) and associated gates.	30	60*	30
(ii) Provision, replacement or improvement of permanent fences, walls and dykes (where the walls and dykes are not built of materials traditional in the locality) and associated gates.	15	30*	15
11. Provision, replacement or improvement of shelter belts.	Nil	60*	15
12. (i) Reseeding and regeneration of grassland and laying down of permanent pasture; bracken control; application of lime or fertilizer (other than normal husbandry applications) for the benefit of grassland.	Nil	30*	Nil
(ii) Burning heather or grass or making muirburn or regenerating heather by cutting.	Nil	30*	Nil
(iii) In Northern Ireland only, reclamation of land, including the removal of obstructions to cultivation.	Nil	30*	Nil
13. (i) Orchard grubbing.	15	15	15
(ii) Replacement of apple orchards (other than apple	22.5	22.5	22.5

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Kind of work or facility or transaction	Agricultural business. Rate of grant. Per cent.	Agricultural business in Less-Favoured Area. Rate of grant. Per cent.	Horticultural production business. Rate of grant. Per cent.
orchards consisting of trees producing cider apples) which have been grubbed up after 7th November 1982 by an equal or smaller area of apple orchards consisting of—			
(a) the varieties of apple trees known as Cox's Orange Pippin apple, Bramley's Seed- ling apple or Spartan apple;			
(b) any other named varieties of apple trees required for pollination (other than varieties producing cider apples) not exceeding in total one third of the number of trees of the varieties specified in subparagraph (a);			
(c) any species of crab apple tree and any hybrid varieties of crab apple tree required for pollination.			
(iii) Replacement of pear orchards (other than pear orchards consisting of trees pro- ducing perry pears) which have been grubbed up after 7th Novem- ber 1982 by an equal or smaller area of pear orchards consisting of—	22.5	22.5	22.5
(a) the varieties of pear trees known as Conference pear or Doyenne du Comice pear;			
(b) any other named varieties of pear trees required for pollination (other than varieties producing perry pears) not exceeding in total one third of the number of trees of the varieties specified in subparagraph (a).			

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14. Provision, replacement or improvement of stakes and wirework for—			
(i) hop gardens;	15	15	Nil
(ii) cane fruit.	Nil	Nil	15
15. Provision, replacement, improvement, alteration, enlargement or reconditioning of watercress beds.	Nil	Nil	15
16. (i) Plant or equipment designed and intended for the preparation for market of harvested horticultural produce.	Nil	Nil	15
(ii) Provision, installation or replacement of glasshouse heating systems including boilers.	Nil	Nil	15
17. Any work, facility or transaction incidental to the carrying out or provision of any work, facility or transaction specified in any of paragraphs 1 to 16 of this Schedule or necessary or proper in carrying out or providing it or securing the full benefit thereof.		opriate to that we accordance with of this scheme."	

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Scheme.)

This scheme varies the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant Scheme 1980, as varied, ("the principal scheme") and applies in relation to claims for grant towards expenditure incurred on or after 12th December 1984 (paragraph 2 of the scheme).

The scheme substitutes a new Schedule of eligible works, facilities and transactions and rates of grant for the existing Schedule to the principal scheme (paragraph 8 of the scheme). New rates of grant are specified for most items, and revised descriptions are introduced in respect of paragraph 1(ii) (main framework of bulk dry stores or silos), paragraphs 10(i) and 10(ii) (hedges, walls, dykes and gates) and paragraphs 12(i), 12(ii) and 12(iii) (grassland). In Great Britain grant is no longer available in relation to the clearance and reclamation of land, but in Northern Ireland grant is available for reclamation of land and removal of other obstructions to cultivation. The higher rates of grant in relation to the items specified in paragraphs 1(i) (main framework of permanent buildings and structures not intended for horticultural production), 1(ii), 4 (waste disposal systems) and 5 (facilities for supply of electricity or gas) are available only to agricultural businesses with an income per labour unit less than the comparable income (paragraph 7 of the scheme).

The maximum limit on expenditure in respect of an agricultural business which is eligible for grant over a 2 year period is reduced to 40,000 ECU per labour unit required in carrying on the business, except in relation to works of a kind specified in paragraphs 2(ii) (heated glasshouses), 13(ii), 13(iii) (restructuring of orchards) or 16(ii) (glasshouse heating systems) of the Schedule where the maximum limit is 79,379 ECU per labour unit (paragraph 5 of the scheme).

The maximum limit on expenditure in respect of an agricultural business which is eligible for grant over a 6 year period is reduced to 80,000 ECU, except in relation to works of a kind specified in paragraph 2(ii) or 16(ii) of the Schedule where the limit remains at 210,000 ECU and in respect of works of a kind specified in paragraph 13(ii) or 13(iii) of the Schedule where the limit remains at 160,000 ECU (paragraph 6 of the scheme).

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