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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Agriculture and Horticulture  
Development Board Order 2008**

**Report and accounts**

- 13.**—(1) For each financial year, the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board must—
- (a) prepare an annual report on how it has discharged its functions during the year, and
  - (b) send a copy of the report to the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers and the relevant Northern Ireland department within such period as the appropriate authority directs.
- (2) In this article, “financial year” means—
- (a) the period beginning with the day on which the Board is established and ending with the next 31st March, and
  - (b) each subsequent period of 12 months ending with 31st March.
- (3) The Board must keep proper accounts and records.
- (4) For each financial year, it must—
- (a) prepare a statement of accounts in respect of that financial year, and
  - (b) send copies to the Secretary of State and the Comptroller and Auditor General within such period as the appropriate authority directs.
- (5) The statement must be in such form as the appropriate authority, with the approval of the Treasury, directs.
- (6) The Comptroller and Auditor General must—
- (a) examine, certify and report on the statement, and
  - (b) send a copy of the certified statement of accounts and of his report to the Secretary of State, Scottish Ministers, Welsh Ministers and the relevant Northern Ireland department as soon as possible.
- (7) When the Secretary of State receives the annual report and the certified statement of accounts he must lay them before each House of Parliament.
- (8) When the Scottish Ministers receive them they must lay them before the Scottish Parliament.
- (9) When the Welsh Ministers receive them they must lay them before the National Assembly for Wales.
- (10) When the relevant Northern Ireland department receives them it must lay them before the Northern Ireland Assembly.