EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Scheme, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Agriculture (Fertilisers) Act, 1952, provides that schemes may be made for the payment of contributions in respect of fertilisers applied to agricultural land. This scheme, made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland, with the approval of the Treasury, relates to the United Kingdom. It provides for contributions to be paid to occupiers of agricultural land in respect of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilisers delivered during the period beginning on 1st July, 1957, and ending on 30th June, 1958. This scheme succeeds the Fertilisers (England, Wales and Scotland) Scheme, 1956, and the Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1956, which relate to the year ending on 30th June, 1957.

1957 No. 1543

The Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Scheme (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order, 1957

Made - - - -	28*th August*, 1957
Laid before Parliament	30*th August*, 1957
Coming into Operation	1*st September*, 1957

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 103 and 108 (3) of the Agriculture Act, 1947(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby orders as follows:—

Citation, commencement and revocation

1. This Order may be cited as the Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Scheme (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order, 1957, and shall come into operation on the first day of September, 1957.

Amendment of the Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Scheme (England and Wales)

2. As from the coming into operation of this Order, the Scheme embodied in the Second Schedule to the Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Scheme (England and Wales) Order, 1956(b), (which authorises the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to provide goods and services

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48. (b) S.I. 1956/1150 (1956 I, p. 147).

to persons farming agricultural land at charges lower than those which would otherwise be made for the same), shall have effect as varied by the variations embodied in the schedule to this Order.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this twenty-sixth day of August, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

(L.S.)

D. Heathcoat Amory,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Approved this twenty-eighth day of August, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Martin Redmayne,
Anthony Barber,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

SCHEDULE

The Scheme embodied in the Second Schedule to the Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Scheme (England and Wales) Order, 1956, shall have effect subject to the following variations—

Provided that where any programme of work requiring the supply of goods or services was submitted for approval under the Scheme before the 1st day of September, 1957 (whether or not there has been previous consultation with the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), the variations, except those set out in paragraph 5 hereafter, shall not have effect as respects the supply of those goods or services.

1. County Agricultural Executive Committees shall cease to exercise any functions under the Scheme, and accordingly the Scheme shall be read and have effect as though the definition of "Committee" in paragraph 1 (1) thereof and all references to "the Committee" anywhere in the Scheme were deleted therefrom.

2. In paragraph 3 of the Scheme,

(*a*) there shall be deleted from the list of goods to which the Scheme applies, the words "clay and marl", the words "(*a*) grids for the prevention of the passage of animals, including any fences or other works necessary for their efficient operation, (*b*) temporary sheds and shelters (*c*)", and the words "and (*d*) silos"

(*b*) there shall be deleted from the list of services to which the Scheme applies, the words "digging, carting and spreading clay or marl", the words "(*a*) grids for the prevention of the passage of animals, including any fences or other works necessary for their efficient operation, (*b*) temporary sheds and shelters (*c*)", and the words "and (*d*) silos".

3. Immediately after paragraph 3 of the Scheme there shall be added the following paragraph—

"3A. No goods other than goods required in connection with the carrying out of a contract for the supply of services under this Scheme shall be supplied or be deemed to be supplied thereunder unless—

(*a*) the Minister is satisfied that the person requiring them is unable to purchase either for cash or on credit goods of that description through normal trade channels, or

(*b*) the goods (being goods supplied by any person by the use of his own resources) are goods deemed to be supplied under the Scheme by virtue of paragraph 6 thereof."

4. There shall be added to paragraph 4 (1) of the Scheme the following words—

" and (*e*) the Minister is satisfied that the execution of the programme at normal charges will prejudice the carrying out of other necessary operations by the person undertaking it on the agricultural land farmed or to be farmed by him ".

5. In paragraph 9 of the Scheme, for the words " 31st day of August, 1957 " there shall be substituted the words " 31st day of August, 1958 ", and for the words " 30th day of September, 1957 ", the words " 30th day of September, 1958 ".

6. The following provisions of the Scheme are hereby revoked—

Paragraph 5 (3) (which prescribed a charge for any goods or services if the Minister was not satisfied that the execution of the approved programme at normal charges would prejudice the carrying out of necessary operations) ;

Paragraph 7 (3) (which provided that goods might be supplied to persons whether or not they were unable to purchase the goods through normal trade channels) ; and

Paragraph 8 (which authorised the Minister to give directions to a Committee).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order amends the Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Scheme (England and Wales) Order, 1956, which embodied a Scheme authorising the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to supply farmers with goods and services at less than normal charges for the purpose of carrying out approved programmes of improvement or reclamation which are likely to increase or maintain output of food or fodder but which would be uneconomic for the time being without assistance.

The principal amendments are that the Scheme ceases to apply to the provision of goods or services in connection with the digging, carting and spreading of clay and marl, the provision of grids for the prevention of the passage of animals, the provision of temporary sheds and shelters, and of silos. Except where goods are required in connection with the carrying out of services supplied under the Scheme goods are to be supplied under it only if the Minister is satisfied that the person requiring them is unable to purchase them through normal trade channels, and no goods or services are to be supplied by the Minister under the Scheme except for a programme of work approved by him which if carried out at normal charges would prejudice the carrying out of other necessary operations on the land.