Treasury, to be laid before Parliament forthwith after being made. Under this Scheme the Minister will continue to be authorised to supply farmers, subject to certain defined conditions, with goods and services at less than the charges which would normally be made.

2. This Scheme is not, in its general outline, materially different from that which has operated hitherto, and it is intended to serve the same object, namely, to encourage increased food production on farms which for physical or deep-seated economic reasons are financially relatively depressed, and for the needs of which the general farm price schedules do not fully provide. This new Scheme, however, widens the conditions of eligibility, and allows greater discretion in its administration.

The Agricultural Goods and Services Scheme (England and Wales) Amending Order, 1949

1949 No. 763

Made - - - -	14*th April*, 1949
Laid before Parliament	21*st April*, 1949
Coming into Operation	27*th April*, 1949

In pursuance of his powers under section one hundred and three of the Agriculture Act, 1947(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. The Agricultural Goods and Services Scheme (England and Wales), 1948(b), (hereinafter called "the Scheme") shall, as from the date on which this Order comes into operation, have effect subject to the following provisions of this Order;

(1) The goods which may be supplied under the Scheme to managers of agricultural land shall include tubes, pipes and fittings required in connection with a scheme approved by or on behalf of the Minister for the supply of water to agricultural land; and sub-paragraph (*a*) of proviso (2) in paragraph 4 of the Scheme shall be amended accordingly by the addition, after the word "Minister", of the words: "and tubes, pipes and fittings required in connection with a scheme approved by or on behalf of the Minister for the supply of water to agricultural land".

(2) The provisions of the Scheme relating to goods shall extend to tubes, pipes and fittings required in connection with approved water supply schemes; and sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 5 of the Scheme (which relates to goods not within the provisions of the Scheme) shall be amended accordingly by the addition, after the words "drainage tiles or pipes" in head (*b*), of the words: "and other than tubes, pipes and fittings required in connection with approved water supply schemes".

(3) Tubes, pipes and fittings required in connection with approved water supply schemes, supplied under the Scheme, shall be ordered by or supplied from stocks in the possession of the Minister or the Committee; and sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 5 of the Scheme shall be amended accordingly by the addition, after the words "drainage pipes or tiles", of the words: "and tubes, pipes and fittings required in connection with approved water supply schemes".

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48 (b) S.I. 1948 (No. 103) I, p. 25.

(4) The Minister, or the Committee acting under the direction of the Minister, may acquire and hold stocks of tubes, pipes and fittings required in connection with approved water supply schemes with a view to supplying such tubes, pipes and fittings to occupiers and managers in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme; and sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 9 of the Scheme shall be amended accordingly by the addition, after the words "pipes or tiles" where those words first occur, of the words: "and tubes, pipes and fittings required in connection with approved water supply schemes", and after the words "pipes or tiles" where those words secondly occur, of the words: "and such tubes, pipes and fittings."

2. Sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 8 of the Scheme (which relates to methods of securing repayment) shall be amended by the addition, after the word "goods" where that word first occurs, of the words: "and services".

3.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Agricultural Goods and Services Scheme (England and Wales) Amending Order, 1949.

(2) This Order shall be construed as one with the Scheme; and this Order and the Scheme may together be cited as "The Agricultural Goods and Services Scheme (England and Wales), 1948-49".

(3) This Order shall come into operation on the twenty-seventh day of April, 1949.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 14th day of April, 1949.

(L.S.) *T. Williams,*
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Approved.

Wm. Hannan,
Joseph Henderson,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The whole of Article 1 of this Order is directed to making such amendments in the Agricultural Goods and Services Scheme (England and Wales), 1948 (S.I. 1948 No. 103) as are necessary to enable the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, or a County Agricultural Executive Committee on his behalf, to supply under the provisions of that Scheme, tubes, pipes and fittings required in connection with a scheme approved by or on behalf of the Minister for the supply of water to agricultural land. Such tubes, pipes and fittings are now to be dealt with, by virtue of this Order, in exactly the same way as drainage pipes or tiles under the original Scheme.

Article 2 of this Order merely puts right a verbal error which occurred in the original Scheme, and does not affect the operation of the Scheme.

The Order comes into operation on 27th April, 1949.