(3) AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES

The Agricultural Goods and Services (Scotland) Scheme, 1948

1948 No. 514 (S. 32)

Made - - - -	*11th March*, 1948
Laid before Parliament	*16th March*, 1948
Coming into Operation	*17th March*, 1948

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Section 103 of the Agriculture Act, 1947(a), and all other powers enabling me in that behalf and with the approval of the Treasury, I hereby make the following Scheme:—

Interpretation, citation and commencement.

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Agricultural Goods and Services (Scotland) Scheme, 1948, shall extend to Scotland only, and shall come into operation on the 17th day of March, 1948.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b), applies to the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Definition.

2. " Agricultural work " means work relating to the use of land for agriculture, but does not include work on permanent buildings.

Persons to whom services may be supplied.

3. The persons to whom the Secretary of State may provide services in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme shall be persons managing or farming agricultural land.

Agricultural labour services.

4.—(1) The Secretary of State may employ accommodate and provide the services of workers on a temporary hire basis for agricultural work.

(2) The charges to be made for the hire of workers on temporary hire will be fixed by the Secretary of State and, except in the case of volunteer harvest workers recruited by the Secretary of State, will be fixed from time to time at not less than the minimum wage rates for agricultural workers prescribed under the Orders of the Scottish Agricultural Wages Board.

Agricultural machinery services.

5.—(1) The Secretary of State may provide agricultural machinery services for agricultural work.

(2) The charges for agricultural machinery services will be fixed from time to time by the Secretary of State with due regard to rates charged by agricultural contractors.

Assistance for bracken control.

6. The Secretary of State may, on such conditions as he may, with the approval of the Treasury determine offer and pay grants in respect of the cost of work which has had his prior approval for the control or eradication of bracken on pastoral land.

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Replacement of live-stock.

7. During the period of five years commencing on 1st October, 1947, the Secretary of State may assist in the replacement of live-stock lost through abnormal weather conditions or in such other special circumstances as may be determined by the Secretary of State with the approval of the Treasury by making advances to the extent of the cost of approved replacements.

Procedure for obtaining services, grants, etc.

8.—(1) Application for agricultural labour services shall be sent to the Secretary of State's Labour Officer for the district where the work is to be undertaken, and application for agricultural machinery services shall be made to the Secretary of State's Supervising Engineer for the district in which the work is to be executed. Before such services are provided, the applicant shall give an undertaking to make payment therefor at the appropriate rates and to comply with any other conditions attached to the provision of these services.

(2) Application for assistance for the replacement of live-stock and for grant in respect of the cost of work for the control or eradication of bracken on pastoral land shall be made to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland in Edinburgh.

(3) The Secretary of State may at his discretion refuse any application.

Conditions of payment.

9.—(1) The charges for agricultural labour services and for agricultural machinery services shall be paid within one month after receipt of an account therefor.

(2) An advance made to assist in the replacement of live-stock shall be repayable within a period not exceeding three years and on such other terms as may from time to time be determined by the Secretary of State with the approval of the Treasury; provided that in the case of advances made to assist replacement of live-stock lost through abnormal weather conditions in the year 1947 the rate of interest shall be 2½ per cent. per annum.

Methods of securing payment.

10.—(1) A person obtaining services under the provisions of this Scheme shall not forfeit any grants or subsidies that may be payable to him by the Secretary of State but the whole or part of such grants or subsidies may be retained by the Secretary of State in satisfaction of any debt due by him to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall exercise this right of retention with due consideration of any special circumstances.

Arthur Woodburn,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.
11th March, 1948.

Approved.

R. J. Taylor,
Joseph Henderson,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

11th March, 1948.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme, which provides for the continuation of services in substantially the form in which they have operated in recent years under the general statutory authority of Section 25 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940(**a**), has with the approval of the Treasury been made under Section 103 of the Agriculture Act, 1947, and applies only to Scotland. It provides that the Secretary of State may supply persons managing or farming agricultural land with labour on temporary hire for agricultural work and with agricultural machinery services; may make grants in respect of the cost of approved work for the control or eradication of bracken on pastoral land; and may make advances repayable with interest within three years to assist in the replacement of live-stock lost through abnormal weather conditions or in other exceptional circumstances.

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(4) AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

The Agricultural Statistics (Scotland) Regulations, 1948

1948 No. 2239 (S. 175)

Made - - - -	*5th October,* 1948
Laid before Parliament	*7th October,* 1948
Coming into Operation	*1st December,* 1948

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 78 of the Agriculture Act, 1947(**b**), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf and after consultation with the Scottish Agricultural Statistics Advisory Committee established by me under section 77 of the said Act I hereby make the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Agricultural Statistics (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of December, 1948.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889(**c**), shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The Secretary of State may at any time serve upon occupiers of land used for agriculture, or of land which the Secretary of State has reason to believe may be so used, notices requiring them to furnish in writing, in accordance with the following provisions of these regulations, within such time and with respect to such date or dates or such period or periods as may be specified in the notice, information relating to all or any of the matters specified in the First Schedule to these regulations.

4.—(1) The information required to be furnished as aforesaid shall be furnished on the form, and in accordance with the instructions, accompanying the notice referred to in the last preceding regulation.

(**a**) 3 & 4 Geo. 6. c. 14. (**b**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.
(**c**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.