# ADDENDA

## COASTAL FLOODING (EMERGENCY PROVISIONS)

## 1953 No. 1093

## The Coastal Flooding (Acreage Payments) Scheme, 1953

*Made* - - - - 13*th July*, 1953

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 13 and 14 of the Coastal Flooding (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1953(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following scheme, a draft whereof has been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:—

*Citation*

**1.** This scheme may be cited as the Coastal Flooding (Acreage Payments) Scheme, 1953.

*Definitions and Interpretation*

**2.**—(1) In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

"Acreage payments" means payments falling to be made in accordance with the provisions of this scheme in respect of the dealing in an approved mode with land of the kind referred to in subsection (1) of section 13 of the Act;

"Act" means the Coastal Flooding (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1953(a);

"Approved" means approved by a County Agricultural Executive Committee;

"Commercial crop" means a crop grown for sale or for consumption or use for the purpose of a trade or business, and includes a crop grown for consumption or use for the purpose of any other undertaking, whether or not carried on for profit;

"Horticultural crop" means a commercial crop of one of the following kinds grown for human consumption, namely: Brussels sprouts, cabbage, savoys, cauliflower or broccoli, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, onions, beans (broad, runner or French), peas (green or harvested dry), celery, lettuce, tomatoes and any other crop which in any particular case the Minister may decide shall be treated as a horticultural crop;

"Minister" means Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries;

"Mode" means one of the modes of dealing with land referred to in subsection (2) of section 13 of the Act;

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 18.

"Permanent grass" means a sward sown in the year 1947 or earlier, and includes rough grazings;

"Row crop" means a commercial crop which is sown or planted in rows so separated from each other as to permit of cultivation of the ground between the rows;

"Temporary grass" means a sward comprised of grass, including clover, lucerne or sainfoin, laid down in the year 1948 or later as part of a rotation.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), shall apply to the interpretation of this scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Acreage Payments*

**3.** Subject to the provisions of this scheme, the Minister may make acreage payments thereunder to the persons to whom such payments fall to be made in accordance with the provisions of subsection (4) of section 13 of the Act in respect of the dealing in an approved mode during the year 1953 with land of the kind referred to in subsection (1) of the said section.

*Specified Crops*

**4.** For the purposes of paragraph (*a*) of subsection (2) of section 13 of the Act (which names, as one of the modes of dealing with land to secure its rehabilitation, the use thereof for the growing of crops of such descriptions as may be specified in this scheme), the specified crops shall be any of the crops named or described in the first column under paragraph 3 of the Schedule to this scheme.

*Rate of Acreage Payments*

**5.** The amount to be paid by way of an acreage payment under the provisions of this scheme shall be calculated in accordance with the rates set out in the Schedule to this scheme, by reference to the area of land dealt with as aforesaid.

*Calculation of Area*

**6.** In calculating the area of any parcel of land for the purpose of ascertaining the amount to be paid by way of an acreage payment under this scheme—

(*a*) any fraction of an acre less than one-tenth shall be disregarded;

(*b*) woodland, shelter belts, coppices and land occupied by roads, ponds, buildings, pits and quarries shall be excluded;

(*c*) headlands shall be included.

*Minimum Areas and Minimum Payments*

**7.**—(1) Where the area of land worked as a unit by any person is less than half an acre, that land shall be disregarded for the purposes of this scheme, and no acreage payment shall be payable in respect thereof.

(2) Where the aggregate amount of the acreage payments under the provisions of this scheme in respect of the land worked as a unit by any person would be less than one pound, payment shall be withheld.

*Reduction, Withholding and Recovery of Acreage Payments*

**8.**—(1) Where it appears to the Minister that there has been negligence or default in respect of the dealing with land in an approved mode on the part of any person by whom an application for acreage payments under this scheme has been made, and that as a result of such negligence or

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

default the rehabilitation of the land is likely to be delayed or prevented, or where it appears to the Minister that any such person has failed to take all reasonable and necessary steps to clear or keep clear the ditches and field drains within the boundaries of the land farmed by him, the Minister may reduce the acreage payment by an amount which in his opinion is appropriate, having regard to the circumstances of the case, or may, if he sees fit, withhold payment.

(2) Any reduction of an acreage payment under the last foregoing subparagraph may be made either by reducing the appropriate rate of payment set out in the Schedule to this scheme, or in such other manner as may seem to the Minister to be expedient.

(3) If the Minister decides to reduce or withhold any such payment, he may recover as a simple contract debt from the person to whom payment was made, if he decides to withhold payment, any sum already paid in respect thereof, or if he decides to reduce the amount of such payment, the amount by which any sum already paid in respect thereof exceeds such reduced amount.

*Application for Acreage Payments*

**9.** Any person desiring to apply for acreage payments under the provisions of this scheme shall make, not later than the 15th day of August, 1953, or such later date as the Minister may, in special circumstances, allow, an application in writing to a County Agricultural Executive Committee in such form as the Minister may require.

*Rate of Contribution for Rehabilitation of Allotment Gardens, and Application Therefor*

**10.**—(1) The amount to be paid by way of contribution under the provisions of section 14 of the Act towards the cost of taking the necessary steps in the year 1953 for the purpose of rehabilitating such allotment gardens as are referred to in subsection (1) of the said section shall be at the rate of £16 for each acre of land consisting of such allotment gardens as are referred to in subsection (2) of the said section.

(2) Any association, local authority or society desiring to apply for a payment by way of contribution as aforesaid shall make application to the Minister not later than the 15th day of August, 1953, or such later date as the Minister may, in special circumstances, allow.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this thirteenth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

(L.S.)

*Tom Dugdale,*
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Approved,
13th July, 1953.

*Hendrie D. Oakshott,*
*Martin Redmayne,*
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

## SCHEDULE

### Rates of Acreage Payments

1. Where the land was, on the 31st day of January, 1953, under any of the crops specified or described in the first column hereunder, and is dealt with in an approved mode during the year 1953, acreage payments shall be at the rate specified opposite to the appropriate name or description of crop (*a*) in relation to land that was flooded with salt water in the period beginning on the said day, in the second column hereunder, and (*b*) in relation to land that was damaged by (but not flooded with) salt water in the said period, in the third column hereunder:—

| *Name or Description of Crop.* | *£ per acre of flooded land.* | *£ per acre of land damaged but not flooded.* |
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| Asparagus, bulbs and nursery stock including flowers ... ... ... | 80 | 40 |
| Strawberries ... ... ... ... | 60 | 30 |
| Winter broccoli, spring cabbage and winter lettuce ... ... ... ... | 40 | 20 |
| Other horticultural crops ... ... | 30 | 15 |
| Row crops grown for seed ... ... | 25 | 12½ |
| Wheat, barley, oats, rye, dredge corn, feeding beans, flax, linseed and row and fodder crops (other than grass) not hereinbefore specified or described | 20 | 10 |
| Other commercial crops (except grass) | 15 | 7½ |

2. Where the land was, on the 31st day of January, 1953, under grass, and is dealt with in an approved mode during the year 1953, acreage payments shall be at the rate specified (opposite to the appropriate description of such grass in the first column hereunder) in the second column hereunder:—

| *Description of Grass* | *£ per acre of land* |
|---|---|
| Temporary grass, wholly or mainly destroyed, and unusable in the year 1953 ... ... ... ... ... ... | 10 |
| Permanent grass, wholly or mainly destroyed, and unusable in the year 1953 ... ... ... ... ... ... | 6 |
| Temporary grass partly destroyed, but capable of some use in the year 1953 ... ... ... ... ... ... | 7 |
| Permanent grass partly destroyed, but capable of some use in the year 1953 ... ... ... ... ... ... | 4 |

3. Where the land was bare on the 31st day of January, 1953, and any of the crops specified or described in the first column hereunder is approved and sown or planted during the year 1953, acreage payments shall be at the rate specified (opposite to the appropriate name or description of crop) in the second column hereunder:—

| *Name or Description of Crop* | *£ per acre of land* |
|---|---|
| Asparagus, bulbs and nursery stock including flowers ... | 40 |
| Strawberries ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 30 |
| Winter broccoli, spring cabbage and winter lettuce ... ... | 20 |
| Other horticultural crops ... ... ... ... ... | 15 |
| Row crops grown for seed ... ... ... ... ... | 12½ |

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| Wheat, barley, oats, rye, dredge corn, feeding beans, flax, linseed and row and fodder crops (other than grass) not hereinbefore specified or described ... ... ... ... | 10 |
| Other commercial crops (including grass) ... ... ... | 7½ |

4. Where the land was bare on the 31st day of January, 1953, and the retention thereof free from any commercial crop during the year 1953 is approved, acreage payments shall be at the rate of £8 per acre of land.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 13 (1) of the Coastal Flooding (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1953, confers power on the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries to make a scheme providing for acreage payments for the purpose of promoting the rehabilitation of arable or pasture land in England that was flooded or otherwise damaged by salt water in the period beginning on 31st January, 1953. Such acreage payments are to be made in respect of the dealing with such land in one of the modes (set out in subsection (2) of the section) best calculated to secure rehabilitation. These modes include resting the land, laying it down to pasture or sowing an approved crop according to the circumstances of the particular case.

The present scheme is made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries with the approval of the Treasury, and makes provision for such payments. It prescribes the different classes of land for which payment may be made, and fixes the rates of payment for such land, and contains provisions for the computation of the acreage by reference to which payment is to be calculated.

The scheme also provides for the rate of payment to be made by way of contribution to allotment associations, local authorities or societies under Section 14 of the Act towards the rehabilitation of allotment gardens that were damaged by salt water.

The scheme relates to rehabilitation carried out during the year 1953.

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# 1953 No. 1011

# The Coastal Flooding (Compensation for Emergency Work) Order, 1953*

*Made* - - - - *25th June,* 1953

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, in exercise of the power conferred on him by section ten of the Coastal Flooding (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1953(a), with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Order :—

*Citation*

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Coastal Flooding (Compensation for Emergency Work) Order, 1953.

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(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 18.

* This order was classified as local, inasmuch as its application was of limited extent.