STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1966 No. 471 (S. 28)

CROFTERS, COTTARS AND SMALL LANDHOLDERS, SCOTLAND

The Crofting Counties Agricultural Grants (Scotland) Scheme 1966

Made - - - -	*25th April* 1966
Laid before Parliament	*29th April* 1966
Coming into Operation	*30th April* 1966

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 22(1) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1955(a) and section 14(1) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1961(b) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf and after consultation with the Crofters Commission and with the approval of the Treasury, I hereby make the following scheme:—

Citation and commencement

1. This scheme may be cited as the Crofting Counties Agricultural Grants (Scotland) Scheme 1966 and shall come into operation on 30th April 1966.

Interpretation

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

"eligible occupier" has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph 3 of the Crofting Counties Agricultural Grants (Scotland) Scheme 1965(c);
"the Hill Sheep Scheme" means the Hill Sheep (Scotland) Scheme 1964(d) as amended(e);
"gimmer", "relevant day" and "flock of sheep" have the same meanings respectively as in the Hill Sheep Scheme;
"relevant years" means the years 1965 and 1966.

(2) The Interpretation Act (f) applies for the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Grants to be made

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, a grant may be made by the Secretary of State under this Scheme in relation to every breeding ewe or gimmer, being a breeding ewe or gimmer to which this Scheme applies, in respect of which a subsidy payment at the reduced rate has been or falls to be

(a) 3 & 4 Eliz. 2. c. 21.
(b) 1961 c. 58.
(c) S.I. 1965/1519 (1965 II, 4399).
(d) S.I. 1964/577 (1964 I, p. 1018).
(e) S.I. 1965/972 (1965 I, p. 2409).
(f) 1889 c. 63.

made under the Hill Sheep Scheme as being comprised in a flock of sheep on the relevant day in any of the relevant years (which payment is hereinafter referred to as "the subsidy payment").

(2) In this paragraph, the expression "subsidy payment at the reduced rate" means a subsidy payment reduced in accordance with the provisions of Article 4A of the Hill Sheep Scheme.

Breeding ewe or gimmer to which this Scheme applies

4. This Scheme applies to any breeding ewe or gimmer—

(*a*) which is maintained on land—

(i) occupied by a person as a crofter or as an eligible occupier and

(ii) comprising or forming part of a croft or holding consisting predominantly of marginal land and in respect of which a subsidy payment has been or falls to be made to that crofter or eligible occupier as the person maintaining the breeding ewe or gimmer, or

(*b*) which is maintained on common grazings or common pasture to which the Crofters (Scotland) Acts 1955 and 1961 apply, being grazings or pasture consisting predominantly of marginal land, and in respect of which a subsidy payment has been or falls to be made to a crofter or eligible occupier as the person maintaining the breeding ewe or gimmer or to such a person as is mentioned in Article 9(2) or (3) of the Hill Sheep Scheme.

Person to whom grant is to be made

5.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Article, a grant under this Scheme in respect of any breeding ewe or gimmer shall be payable to the person to whom the subsidy payment has been or falls to be made in respect of that ewe or gimmer.

(2) Where in the case of such a breeding ewe or gimmer as is mentioned in Article 4(*b*) of this Scheme, payment of grant under this Scheme is made to such a person as is mentioned in Article 9(2) of the Hill Sheep Scheme, Article 5(3) of that Scheme shall apply to the payment of such grant as it applies to a subsidy payment.

Application for Grant

6. Any person who desires to obtain a grant under this Scheme shall make an application for a grant in such form and at such time as the Secretary of State may direct and shall furnish such information as the Secretary of State may require and such application may, if the Secretary of State thinks fit, be combined with an application for a subsidy payment under the Hill Sheep Scheme.

Amount of Grant

7. The amount of any grant which may be made under this Scheme in respect of any breeding ewe or gimmer to which this Scheme applies, as being comprised in a flock of sheep on the relevant day in any of the relevant years, shall be 2s.

Prohibition against Assignation of Grant

8. Article 11 of the Hill Sheep Scheme shall apply to any grant falling to be paid under this Scheme as it applies to a subsidy payment falling to be paid under that Scheme.

William Ross,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.
22nd April 1966.

We approve.

W. Howie,
Joseph Harper,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

25th April 1966.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not Part of the Scheme.*)

This Scheme enables the Secretary of State to make grants to crofters and certain other occupiers of land in the seven crofting counties of Scotland in supplement of the subsidy payment made under the Hill Sheep (Scotland) Scheme 1964, as amended. This supplement which is at the rate of 2s. per head is payable only where the croft, holding or grazings on which the sheep are maintained is predominantly marginal land.