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AGRICULTURAL GRANTS, GOODS AND SERVICES

The Farm Amalgamations (Variation) Scheme 1976

Laid before Parliament in draft

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Coming into Operation *10th December* 1976

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in relation to England and Northern Ireland, and that Minister and the Secretary of State for Wales acting jointly in relation to Wales, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 26, 35 (as those sections have effect by virtue of sections 29(6) and 32 of the Agriculture Act 1970**(a)** and, as respects the said section 26, by virtue of sections 9 and 10 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1972**(b)** and regulation 3 of the Agriculture Act 1967 (Amendment) Regulations 1973**(c)**) and 40(2) of the Agriculture Act 1967**(d)** and section 50 of the Agriculture Act 1970 (as that section has effect by virtue of section 9(7) of the said Act of 1972) and now vested in them jointly**(e)**, and the Secretary of State for Scotland, in relation to Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the said sections 26, 35 and 40(2), the said Ministers acting jointly in exercise of these and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following scheme, a draft whereof has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:—

Citation, commencement and extent

1. This scheme, which may be cited as the Farm Amalgamations (Variation) Scheme 1976, shall apply throughout the United Kingdom and shall come into operation on 10th December 1976.

Interpretation

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

(a) 1970 c. 40.
(b) 1972 c. 62.
(c) S.I. 1973/1402 (1973 II, p. 4287).
(d) 1967 c. 22.
(e) S.I. 1969/388 (1969 I, p. 1070).
(f) 1889 c. 63.

Variation of the Farm Amalgamations Scheme 1973

3. The Farm Amalgamations Scheme 1973**(a)** shall be varied by substituting in paragraph 4(1) thereof for the words "within 7 years from the commencement of this Scheme" the words "before 16th December 1976".

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 3rd December 1976.

(L.S.)

John Silkin,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Bruce Millan,
6th December 1976. Secretary of State for Scotland.

John Morris,
7th December 1976. Secretary of State for Wales.

We approve
9th December 1976.

David Stoddart,
T. E. Graham,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Scheme.)

This Scheme, which varies the Farm Amalgamations Scheme 1973, applies to the whole of the United Kingdom and provides that application for the approval of amalgamation proposals of a kind described in that Scheme shall be submitted to the appropriate Minister before 16th December 1976. This means that no further applications will be accepted after that date for approval of proposals for grant in respect of amalgamations under that Scheme.

(a) 1973/1404 (1973 II, p. 4302).

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