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The Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1972

Made - - - -	*9th March* 1972
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Coming into Operation	*19th March* 1972

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 28, 29 and 51(1) of the Agriculture Act 1970(**a**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following scheme:—

Citation, commencement, extent and interpretation

1.—(1) This scheme, which may be cited as the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1972, shall come into operation on 19th March 1972 and shall apply to England and Wales and Northern Ireland.

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

Variation of the principal scheme

2. The Farm Capital Grant Scheme 1970(**c**), as varied(**d**), shall be further varied as follows:—

(*a*) by substituting in paragraph 3(1)(*a*) thereof for the word "of" the second time that word appears the word "or";

(*b*) by inserting in paragraph 3 thereof immediately after sub-paragraph (1) the following sub-paragraph:—

"(1A) In the case of any work or facility, or part thereof, of a kind specified in paragraph 8, 10, 11, 12 (other than orchard grubbing), 14, 15 or 16 of Schedule 2, the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to expenditure in respect of any such work or facility unless application for approval of the expenditure for the purposes of a grant under this scheme is made on or before 31st March 1972.";

(*c*) by adding at the end of paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 thereto the words "provision, replacement or improvement of sheep grids, cattle grids, permanent fences, hedges, walls, gates, shelter belts or shelter hedges, land levelling or grading (including filling in of ditches or ponds), removal of hedges, tree roots, boulders or other like obstructions to cultivation, bracken control.";

(*d*) by substituting in columns 3 and 5 of the table at the end of paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 thereto for the figures "50" and "60" where those figures appear in relation to paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 thereto (which specifies as eligible works and facilities field drainage, including under-drainage and ditching) the figures "60" and "70" respectively.

(**a**) 1970 c. 40.
(**b**) 1889 c. 63.
(**c**) S.I. 1970/1759 (1970 III, p. 5741).
(**d**) S.I. 1971/1077 (1971 II, p. 3210).

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 7th March 1972.

(L.S.)

J. M. L. Prior,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under my hand 8th March 1972.

Peter Thomas,
Secretary of State for Wales.

We approve.

9th March 1972.

Keith Speed,
Tim Fortescue,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the scheme.*)

This scheme, which applies to England and Wales and Northern Ireland, further varies the Farm Capital Grant Scheme 1970, as varied.

It makes provision for the rate of grant towards expenditure on field drainage to remain at 60 per cent. (or 70 per cent. if the work is in the opinion of the appropriate Minister of benefit in the farming of hill land) instead of being reduced to 50 per cent. and 60 per cent. respectively in the case of applications for approval made on or after 19th March 1972, as was previously provided.

The scheme also provides that grant shall no longer be payable towards expenditure on certain specified works and facilities if application for approval of the expenditure is made after 31st March 1972. However, grant for cattle grids, fencing, shelter belts and certain land clearance and reclamation work may still be payable if, in the opinion of the appropriate Minister, the work is of benefit in the farming of hill land.

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