Schemes made by the Secretary of State under section 75 of the Agriculture (Scotland) Act, 1948 are the Agriculture Goods and Services (Scotland) Schemes, 1948 and 1952 (S.I. 1948/514, 1952/1445 (1948 I, p. 91 ; 1952 I, p. 3)) and the Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) Schemes 1949 to 1952 (S.I. 1949/610, 1950/1135, 1951/732, 1952/1446 (1949 I, p. 143 ; 1950 I, p. 41 ; 1951 I, p. 15 ; 1952 I, p. 7)).

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The Fertilisers (England, Wales and Scotland) Scheme, 1954

Made - - - - 30*th June,* 1954

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for Scotland, acting jointly, being the appropriate Ministers within the meaning of paragraph (*c*) of subsection (2) of section six of the Agriculture (Fertilisers) Act, 1952(**a**) in relation to a joint scheme for England and Wales and Scotland, in pursuance of section one of the said Act and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following scheme, of which a draft has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament :—

1. This scheme, which may be cited as the Fertilisers (England, Wales and Scotland) Scheme, 1954, shall apply to England and Wales and Scotland.

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

"the Act" means the Agriculture (Fertilisers) Act, 1952 ;

"agricultural land" means any land used as arable meadow or pasture ground, or for the purpose of poultry farming, market gardens, nursery grounds, orchards or allotments, including allotment gardens within the meaning of the Allotments Act, 1922(**b**), or the Allotments (Scotland) Act, 1922(**c**) ;

"the Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries ;

"association" means—

(*a*) an association of farmers, allotment holders, or small holders, or of occupiers of any land wholly or mainly cultivated for the production of vegetables or fruit, being an association which is registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1893-1928, or which has written rules governing its constitution and management ;

(*b*) an approved association for the purposes of the Agricultural Lime Schemes, 1947 to 1953(**d**).

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

(**a**) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 15. (**b**) 12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 51. (**c**) 12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 52.
(**d**) S.R. & O. 1947/1829 (Rev. I, p. 127: 1947 I, p. 10); S.I. 1951/513, 1953/597 (1951 I, p. 9; 1953 I, p. 16).
(**e**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

3. Subject to the provisions of this scheme, where any fertiliser specified in the schedule to this scheme was purchased for use for adding to agricultural land to improve the fertility of the soil—

(*a*) by an occupier of such land, or

(*b*) by an association which acquires fertilisers in bulk for redistribution to its members,

and was delivered to the purchaser during the period beginning on 1st July, 1954, and ending on 30th June, 1955, the Minister may make a contribution to the purchaser calculated at the appropriate rate specified in respect of the fertiliser in the schedule to this scheme.

4. Any person or association who desires to apply for a contribution to be paid in accordance with the provisions of this scheme shall apply to the Minister—

(*a*) in writing in such form as the Minister may from time to time require, and

(*b*) within six months of delivery of the fertiliser, or within such further time as the Minister may in special circumstances allow.

5.—(1) No contribution shall be made in respect of fertilisers to which this scheme applies unless the total quantity of all the kinds of fertilisers to which the application relates is not less than 4 cwt.

(2) If any contribution is payable under any enactment other than the Act, or under any other scheme, in respect of fertilisers specified in this scheme, the Minister in determining the amount of contribution payable under this scheme may take into consideration the amount of contribution payable under the other enactment or scheme and may reduce the amount payable under this scheme accordingly.

6. The Minister may require an applicant for a contribution to give to any person authorised by the Minister in that behalf reasonable facilities for the inspection of any fertilisers to which the application relates, and to produce any accounts, invoices, receipts or other documents and to give all information required by the Minister for the purpose of verifying the application.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this thirtieth day of June, 1954.

(L.S.) *Tom Dugdale.*

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this thirtieth day of June, 1954.

(L.S.) *James Stuart.*

Approved this thirtieth day of June, 1954.

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

SCHEDULE

Where the reference in this schedule to any fertiliser is made by a name (other than the name "compound fertiliser") mentioned in the first column of the Fourth Schedule to the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1926(a), the reference shall be construed as meaning the fertiliser defined under that name in that Schedule.

FERTILISER	*RATE OF CONTRIBUTION*
	per ton
	£ s. d.
Sulphate of ammonia	3 12 0
"*Nitro-Chalk*"	2 13 6
Superphosphate	4 10 0
	(provided that this amount shall be increased or decreased by 5s. 0d. for each 1 per centum by weight (and proportionately for any fraction thereof) by which the water-soluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) content is above or below 18 per centum by weight of the fertiliser).
	£ s. d.
Triple superphosphate	11 15 0
	(provided that this amount shall be increased or decreased by 5s. 0d. for each 1 per centum by weight (and proportionately for any fraction thereof) by which the water-soluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) content is above or below 47 per centum by weight of the fertiliser).
	£ s. d.
Ground rock phosphate	3 15 0
	(provided that this amount shall be increased or decreased by 2s. 7d. for each 1 per centum by weight (and proportionately for any fraction thereof) by which the phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) content is above or below 29 per centum by weight of the fertiliser).
Basic Slag containing phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) of not less than:	£ s. d.
6 per centum by weight	1 11 0
7 per centum by weight	1 12 6
8 per centum by weight	1 14 0
9 per centum by weight	1 16 0
10 per centum by weight	1 17 6
11 per centum by weight	1 19 0
12 per centum by weight	2 1 0
13 per centum by weight	2 2 6
14 per centum by weight	2 4 0
15 per centum by weight	2 6 0
16 per centum by weight	2 8 0
17 per centum by weight and above ...	2 10 0
	(plus 3s. 0d. for each 1 per centum by weight by which the phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) content exceeds 17 per centum by weight of the fertiliser).

(a) 16 & 17 Geo. 5. c. 45.

FERTILISER	*RATE OF CONTRIBUTION* per ton s. d.
Any compound fertiliser except one in which the nitrogenous and the phosphatic ingredients are wholly derived from organic material:	
For each 1 per centum by weight of nitrogen (N) and proportionately for any fraction thereof	3 5
For each 1 per centum by weight of water-soluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) and proportionately for any fraction thereof	5 9
For each 1 per centum by weight of insoluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) and proportionately for any fraction thereof	3 3
Any other inorganic or synthetic nitrogenous fertiliser:	
For each 1 per centum by weight of nitrogen (N) and proportionately for any fraction thereof	3 5
Any other inorganic phosphatic fertiliser:	
For each 1 per centum by weight of water-soluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) and proportionately for any fraction thereof	5 0
For each 1 per centum by weight of insoluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) and proportionately for any fraction thereof	2 7

Provided that no contribution made in respect of any compound fertiliser shall exceed one-third of the cost, or made in respect of any other fertiliser shall exceed one-half of the cost, the said cost in either case being the cost of the fertiliser when delivered to the premises of the purchaser (excluding any charge for credit or spreading and less any rebate or discount).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Agriculture (Fertilisers) Act, 1952, provides that schemes may be made for the payment of contributions in respect of fertilisers applied to agricultural land. This scheme made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for Scotland, with the approval of the Treasury, relates to England, Wales and Scotland. It provides for contributions to be paid to occupiers of agricultural land in respect of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilisers delivered during the period beginning on 1st July, 1954, and ending on 30th June, 1955. This scheme succeeds the Fertilisers (England, Wales and Scotland) Scheme, 1952, which related to a period expiring on 30th June, 1954.