STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 1187 (S.148)

AGRICULTURE

HILL LANDS

The Hill Cattle (Scotland) (Amendment) Scheme 1971

Made - - -	19*th July* 1971
Laid before Parliament	29*th July* 1971
Coming into Operation	30*th July* 1971

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 13, 15 and 17 of the Hill Farming Act 1946(**a**), as extended by section 43 of the Agriculture Act 1967(**b**), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, and with the approval of the Treasury, I hereby make the following scheme :—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This scheme may be cited as the Hill Cattle (Scotland) (Amendment) Scheme 1971 and shall come into operation on 30th July 1971.

(2) This scheme shall be construed as one with the Hill Cattle (Scotland) Scheme 1968(**c**) as amended by the Hill Cattle (Scotland) (Amendment) Scheme 1970(**d**).

Amendment of definition of accredited herd

2. For the definition of the expression "accredited herd" contained in paragraph 2(2) of the Hill Cattle (Scotland) (Amendment) Scheme 1970, there shall be substituted the following definition :—

" 'accredited herd' means a herd which to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State for Scotland or the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food either—

(*a*) has been found to be free from brucellosis by means of a series of diagnostic tests carried out by him or on his behalf and has been, since the date of commencement of such tests, the subject of adequate precautions against the introduction or re-introduction and consequent spreading of brucellosis, or

(*b*) has been wholly constituted by the transfer of animals from other accredited herds in Great Britain or from such similar herds outside Great Britain as the Secretary of State for Scotland, in relation to herds in Scotland, or the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food,

(**a**) 1946 c. 73. (**b**) 1967 c. 22.
(**c**) S.I. 1968/981 (1968 II, p. 2590). (**d**) S.I. 1970/1648 (1970 III, p. 5423).

in relation to herds in England and Wales, may either generally or in any special case allow, and has been, since being so constituted, the subject of such precautions as aforesaid".

Gordon Campbell,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.
14th July 1971.

We approve.

Walter Clegg,
V. H. Goodhew,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

19th July 1971.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Scheme.)

This Scheme amends the definition of "accredited herd" in the Hill Cattle (Scotland) (Amendment) Scheme 1970. As a result of the amendment, a herd will be regarded as "accredited" for the purposes of the hill cattle subsidy (*a*) if it has been found to be free from brucellosis by means of a series of diagnostic tests carried out by or on behalf of the Secretary of State for Scotland or the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, or (*b*) has been wholly constituted by the transfer of cattle from other accredited herds in Great Britain or, where this is allowed, from similar herds outside Great Britain, and in any of the cases aforesaid has subsequently been the subject of adequate precautions against the introduction or re-introduction and consequent spreading of the disease.