STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1976 No. 761

HORTICULTURE

HORTICULTURAL GRANTS

The Horticulture Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1976

Made - - - 17*th May* 1976

Laid before Parliament 26*th May* 1976

Coming into Operation 1*st June* 1976

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 29 of the Agriculture Act 1970(**a**), and of all their other enabling powers, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following scheme:—

Citation, extent and commencement

1. This scheme, which may be cited as the Horticulture Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1976, shall apply throughout the United Kingdom, and shall come into operation on 1st June 1976.

Interpretation

2. (1) This scheme shall be construed as one with the Horticulture Capital Grant Scheme 1973(**b**), hereinafter referred to as "the principal scheme".

(2) Any reference in this scheme to a numbered paragraph or Schedule shall be construed as a reference to the paragraph or Schedule bearing that number in the principal scheme.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) applies for the interpretation of this scheme as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Variation of Principal Scheme

3. (1) The principal scheme shall be varied in accordance with the following provisions of this paragraph.

(2) In paragraph 2(1) (interpretation) there shall be substituted for the reference to "5½ feet" in the definition of "glasshouse" a reference to "1·67 metres".

(a) 1970 c. 40. (b) S.I. 1973/1945 (1973 III, p. 6697). (c) 1889 c. 63.

(3) In paragraph 4(1)(*a*) (basic conditions of eligibility for grant) there shall be substituted for the reference to "four acres" a reference to "1·6 hectares".

(4) In paragraph 6 (duration of scheme) the word "made" shall be deleted, and the words "received by the appropriate Minister" shall be substituted therefor.

(5) In paragraph 8 (restrictions on expenditure in respect of which grant may be payable)—

(*a*) there shall be substituted for the references to "40,000 units of account" in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) references to "42,060 units of account"; and

(*b*) the words "adult male" shall be deleted from sub-paragraph (2)(*b*).

(6) In Schedule 1 (which sets out the facilities for which grant may be paid)—

(*a*) the words "hedges and" shall be deleted from paragraph 3;

(*b*) the word "film" shall be deleted from paragraph 11; and

(*c*) the provisions set out in the Schedule to this scheme shall be substituted for paragraphs 14 to 20.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 11th May 1976.

(L.S.)

Frederick Peart,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

12th May 1976.

Bruce Millan,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

13th May 1976.

John Morris,
Secretary of State for Wales.

We approve.

Donald R. Coleman.
David Stoddart,

17th May 1976.

Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Paragraph 3(6) (b)

SCHEDULE

PROVISIONS TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR PARAGRAPHS 14 TO 20 OF SCHEDULE 1 TO THE PRINCIPAL SCHEME

PROVISION OF SERVICES (other than to dwellinghouses)

14. Provision, replacement or improvement of systems for the disposal of sewage, effluent and waste from buildings.

15. Provision, replacement or improvement of systems for the supply of water, gas and electricity.

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FOR PRODUCTION AND HARVESTING

16. Supply and installation of the following kinds of new plant and equipment to be used for, or in connection with, the production and harvesting of horticultural produce:—

(i) Plant and equipment for the control of environment in buildings (including parts of buildings) and in durable structures clad with plastic.

(ii) Irrigation equipment for use in the open, or in structures other than permanent buildings.

(iii) Plant and equipment for the handling, preparation or treatment (other than the sterilisation by heat or cultivation) of soil, compost or other media for growing horticultural produce.

(iv) Plant and equipment for the control (other than by cultivation) of pests and diseases of, and weeds among, horticultural produce.

(v) Plant and equipment for the movement of horticultural produce, or for the movement of materials and equipment used in connection with the growing of horticultural produce.

(vi) Provision, replacement or improvement of stakes and wirework for cane fruit.

(vii) Equipment and containers specifically designed for the growing of horticultural produce.

(viii) Miscellaneous plant and equipment used in connection with the production and harvesting of horticultural produce.

17. Supply of new equipment for the harvesting of horticultural produce (other than peas and potatoes).

18. Supply and installation, or reconstruction, alteration or other improvement, of systems for the production and distribution of heat in buildings (including parts of buildings) other than dwellinghouses, or in permanently sited frames, or in durable structures clad with plastic.

19. Supply and installation of plant and equipment for the sterilisation of soil by heat.

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FOR STORAGE AND PREPARATION FOR MARKET

20. Supply and installation of the following kinds of new plant and equipment for the storage or preparation for market of horticultural produce:—

(i) Plant and equipment for the control of temperature or atmosphere.

(ii) Plant and equipment for the movement of produce or containers.

(iii) Plant and equipment for size, weight and quality grading.

(iv) Plant and equipment for preparation for market.

(v) Plant and equipment for packing.

(vi) Plant and equipment for pre-packaging.

(vii) Miscellaneous plant and equipment used in connection with the storage and preparation for market of horticultural produce.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Scheme, which applies throughout the United Kingdom, is made under section 29 of the Agriculture Act 1970, and varies the Horticulture Capital Grant Scheme 1973. The principal amendments are:—

(*a*) an increase in the limit on eligible expenditure per labour unit from 40,000 to 42,060 units of account;

(*b*) the substitution of metric for imperial units;

(*c*) the deletion from paragraphs 16 to 20 of Schedule 1 to the 1973 Scheme of the detailed lists of plant and equipment in respect of which grant may be paid; and

(*d*) provision in that Schedule enabling grant to be paid towards the cost of the supply of water to horticultural land, and the provision of stakes and wirework for cane fruit production.

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