Period of Operation of Scheme

9. No programme for the supply of goods or services shall be approved under this Scheme after the 31st day of August, 1957, but goods may be supplied under this Scheme for the period ending with the 30th day of September, 1957, or such longer period as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister under section 103 of the Act.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This order consolidates, with amendments, previous Instruments (which are hereby revoked) authorising the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to supply, subject to the conditions set out in the scheme embodied in the Second Schedule, farmers with goods and services at less than normal charge, for the purpose of carrying out approved programmes of improvement or reclamation which are likely to increase or maintain output of food or fodder but which would be uneconomic for the time being without assistance.

Under previous schemes the Minister has had power to reduce the normal charges for goods and services supplied by him, by an amount not exceeding 50 per cent. of those charges; this scheme provides additionally that, where the execution of the programme at normal charges would prejudice the carrying out of other necessary operations on the farm, he may reduce the normal charges by an amount which when added to any subsidies, would effect a reduction not exceeding 85 per cent. thereof.

1956 No. 1133 (S. 53)

The Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) Amendment Scheme, 1956

Made - - - -	*24th July*, 1956
Laid before Parliament	*30th July*, 1956
Coming into Operation	*31st July*, 1956

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 75 of the Agriculture (Scotland) Act, 1948(a) as read along with the Agriculture (Provision of Goods) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954(b) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, and with the approval of the Treasury, I hereby make the following scheme:—

1. This scheme may be cited as the Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) Amendment Scheme, 1956 and shall come into operation on the 31st day of July, 1956.

2. This scheme, the Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) Scheme 1949(c) (hereinafter referred to as the "principal scheme"), the Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) (Extension) Scheme, 1950(d), the Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) (Amendment) Scheme, 1951(e) the Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) Scheme, 1952(f) and the Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) Scheme, 1954(g) shall be construed as one and may be cited together as the Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) Schemes, 1949 to 1956.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 45. (b) S.I. 1954/605 (1954 I, p. 66).
(c) S.I. 1949/610 (1949 I, p. 143). (d) S.I. 1950/1135 (1950 I, p. 41).
(e) S.I. 1951/732 (1951 I, p. 15). (f) S.I. 1952/1446 (1952 I, p. 7).
(g) S.I. 1954/1010 (1954 I, p. 75).

3. The principal scheme shall be amended as follows—

(1) For the provisos to Article 3 there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

"(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 3A (1) of this Scheme

(*a*) the assistance provided under this Article in respect of any such goods or services as are specified in head (1) of Article 6 of this Scheme shall not exceed 70% of the net cost thereof (including in the case of goods the cost of their carriage) necessarily incurred by the occupier in providing those goods or securing those services;

(*b*) the assistance provided under this Article in respect of any such goods or services as are specified in heads (2) and (3) of the said Article 6 of this Scheme shall not exceed 50% of the net cost (including in the case of goods the cost of their carriage) necessarily incurred by the occupier in providing those goods or securing those services.

For the purposes of this Article "net cost" means the cost to an occupier of any goods or services after deducting therefrom the amount of any grant or subsidy he may be entitled to receive in respect thereof under any other enactment."

(2) By the insertion after Article 3 of the following Article

"3A (1) Where the amount of assistance which would, apart from the provisions of this paragraph, be provided under this Scheme in respect of the cost of goods provided or services secured, or, where both goods and services are provided and secured, those goods and services, to enable the occupier of any agricultural unit to carry out any such programme of agricultural operations as is mentioned in paragraph (1) of the last foregoing Article, would, together with the amount of any other grant, subsidy or other payment (hereinafter referred to as the "other payment") made or falling to be made under any other enactment in respect of any of the goods so provided or services so secured, or, where both goods and services are provided and secured, those goods and services, exceed 85 per cent of the gross cost of the goods or services or both, as the case may be, the amount of assistance aforesaid shall be abated by such a sum as will ensure that the amount of the aggregate of such assistance and such other payment shall not exceed 85 per cent of the gross cost aforesaid.

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph "gross cost" means the cost to the occupier of any goods or services before deducting therefrom the amount of any grant or subsidy he may be entitled to receive in respect thereof under any other enactment.

(3) For the purposes of the two foregoing paragraphs and of paragraph 2 of Article 3 of this Scheme "enactment" includes any provision in a scheme or other instrument providing for the payment of monies out of the Exchequer".

(3) For Article 6 there shall be substituted the following Article—

"**6.** Assistance may be provided under this Scheme—

(1) at the rate of 70 per cent of the net cost of a programme of agricultural operations approved by the Committee under Article 4 of this Scheme and consisting of or comprising any of the following goods or services, that is to say,

(*a*) ploughing, sowing and other cultivation, and harvesting secured, and seeds provided for the purpose of cropping;

(*b*) ploughing, sowing and other cultivation secured, and seeds provided for the purpose of direct re-seeding;

(*c*) sowing and other cultivation, and spraying of rushes secured, and fertilisers, lime and seeds provided for the purpose of regenerating grass;

(*d*) preparatory clearing and levelling of ground, ploughing and other cultivation secured and lime, manures and seeds provided for the purpose of reclamation of derelict or semi-derelict land;

(*e*) any other goods provided or services secured which the Secretary of State may from time to time specify for the purpose of this paragraph.

For the purposes of sub paragraph (*d*) of this paragraph "ploughing" includes any operation undertaken for the purpose of breaking up the surface of the land;

(2) at the rate of 50 per cent of the net cost of a programme of agricultural operations approved by the Committee under Article 4 aforesaid or under Article 3 of the Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) (Extension) Scheme, 1950 and consisting of or comprising any of the following goods or services, that is to say,

(*a*) materials provided and labour and other services secured for the purpose of the erection of temporary cattle shelters, pit silos or temporary fencing;

(*b*) machinery, implements, live stock, sera or vaccines provided;

(*c*) the carrying out of threshing, pest destruction, control of disease or bush clearing;

(*d*) the provision or carrying out of any other goods and services which the Secretary of State may from time to time determine for the purposes of this paragraph;

(3) at the rate of 50 per cent of the net cost of any programme of agricultural operations (whether consisting of or comprising the reclamation of derelict or semi-derelict land or otherwise) approved by the Committee under Article 3 of the Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) (Extension) Scheme, 1950".

4. Article 2 of the Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) Scheme, 1952 is hereby revoked.

James Stuart,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.
23rd July, 1956.

We approve,

Peter Legh,
Edward Wakefield,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

24th July, 1956.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) Scheme, 1949 was made with the approval of the Treasury, under section 75 of the Agriculture (Scotland) Act, 1948. It provides that the Secretary of State may give assistance, subject to certain defined conditions, in respect of specified goods and services, and is intended to encourage the fullest possible production on farms of inferior type where such production would not be possible without assistance. The rate of assistance shall not exceed 50 per cent of the net cost of the goods or services.

The present scheme provides that the Secretary of State may give assistance not exceeding 70 per cent of the net cost of certain goods and services secured for the purposes of specified programmes of agricultural operations. It also provides that where the amount of assistance under this scheme would, together with the amount of any other subsidies or grants for the items exceed 85 per cent of the gross approved cost of the goods and services secured for the purpose of an approved programme of agricultural operations, the amount of assistance under the scheme shall be reduced by such a sum as will ensure that the amount of the aggregate of such assistance shall not exceed 85 per cent of the gross approved cost of the operations.

1956 No. 1021

The Ploughing Grants Scheme, 1956

Made - - - - *3rd July,* 1956

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, being by virtue of article 3 of the Transfer of Functions (Ministry of Food) Order, 1955(a), the appropriate Minister within the meaning of paragraph (*c*) of subsection (2) of section five of the Agriculture (Ploughing Grants) Act, 1952(b), in relation to a joint scheme for England and Wales and Northern Ireland, in pursuance of the said Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes 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 Ploughing Grants Scheme, 1956, shall apply to England and Wales and Northern Ireland.

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 (Ploughing Grants) Act, 1952;

"grass" includes clover, lucerne or sainfoin or mixtures of clover, lucerne or sainfoin with grass;

"land under grass" includes any grazing land;

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

(a) S.I. 1955/554 (1955 I, p. 1200). (b) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 35.