1952 No. 1446 (S. 75)

The Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) Scheme, 1952

Made - - - -	31*st July*, 1952
Laid before Parliament	31*st July*, 1952
Coming into Operation	1*st August*, 1952

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, 1952(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.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) Scheme, 1952, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of August, 1952.

(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), and the Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) (Amendment) Scheme, 1951(e) shall be construed as one and may be cited together as the Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) Schemes, 1949 to 1952.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(f) shall apply to the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The principal scheme shall be amended by substituting for paragraph (ii) of the proviso to Article 3 thereof the following paragraph:—

(ii) in calculating the net cost of any such item the Secretary of State may have regard to the amount of any grant or subsidy that the occupier may be entitled to receive under any other scheme or under any Act of Parliament or otherwise in respect of that item.

3. In paragraph 8 of the principal scheme for the reference to the thirty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and fifty-two (being the last day for making and accepting offers of assistance under the scheme) there shall be substituted a reference to the thirty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

4.—(1) In addition to the provision made in the principal scheme for assistance to be provided by the Committee, the Secretary of State may, on application being made to him by any person farming an agricultural unit who is the owner of a permanent stock of breeding cows and in-calf heifers maintained on livestock rearing land, provide such person with assistance towards the cost of winter keep for the stock.

(2) In this Article "livestock rearing land" has the like meaning as in the Livestock Rearing Act, 1951(g).

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 45.
(b) S.I. 1952/1376, p. 6 above.
(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) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(g) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 18.

(3) Any application for assistance under the provisions of this Article shall be made in such form and subject to such conditions as the Secretary of State may from time to time approve.

James Stuart,

One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

30th July, 1952.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh 1.

We approve,

T. G. D. Galbraith,

Hendrie D. Oakshott,

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

31st July, 1952.

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 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 main object of the present scheme is to extend by two years to 31st August, 1954 the period during which the Secretary of State may make and farmers may accept offers of assistance under the scheme. The Secretary of State is able to extend the period in respect of goods since by virtue of the Agriculture (Provision of Goods) (Scotland) Regulations, 1952 (S.I. 1952/1376) the period within which the provision of goods may be authorised under such schemes has been prescribed as a period of seven years from the first day of October, 1947, instead of a period of five years from that date, as originally enacted.

The scheme provides that the Secretary of State, when calculating the cost incurred by an applicant on goods and services under the scheme, may have regard to any grant or subsidy to which an applicant may be entitled under any other scheme.

The scheme also enables the Secretary of State to provide assistance towards the cost of winter keep for breeding cows and in-calf heifers maintained as a permanent stock on livestock rearing land.