# The Petrol-driven Agricultural Machines (Grants) Scheme, 1950

## 1950 No. 1912

*Made - - - - 29th November,* 1950*

In pursuance of subsection (1) of section 1 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1950, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for Scotland (being for the purposes of this Scheme the appropriate Minister within the meaning of subsection (2) of section 6 of the said Act), with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following Scheme:—

*Citation, Extent, and Beginning*

**1.** This Scheme may be cited as the Petrol-driven Agricultural Machines (Grants) Scheme, 1950, and applies to the United Kingdom.

*Interpretation*

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

"The Act" means the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1950(a);

"Grant" means a grant which the Minister is authorised by section 1 of the Act to make;

"Grant year" means a year beginning on the eighteenth day of April in the year 1950 or in any subsequent year and ending on the following seventeenth day of April;

"Machine" means a petrol-driven machine (including, in particular, an agricultural tractor) in which hydrocarbon oils (as defined in section 2 of the Finance Act, 1928(b)) which are light oils (as so defined) are used either as the main fuel or as a subsidiary fuel; and "new machine" means for the purposes of an application for a grant relating to a grant year any such machine used for agricultural operations for the first time during that grant year;

"The Minister" means, as respects England and Wales and Northern Ireland the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and, as respects Scotland, the Secretary of State;

"Owner" includes a person in the possession of a machine by virtue of a hire-purchase agreement (as defined in the Hire Purchase Act, 1938(c)) or, as respects Scotland, under a contract to which the Hire Purchase and Small Debt (Scotland) Act, 1932(d), applies, or would apply if the limitation as to value contained in section 1 of that Act were omitted.

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* A draft of this Statutory Instrument was approved by resolution of the House of Commons on the 14th November, 1950 and the House of Lords on the 28th November, 1950, in accordance with section 4 (4) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1950.

(a) 14 Geo. 6. c. 17. (b) 18 & 19 Geo. 5. c. 17.

(c) 1 & 2 Geo. 6. c. 53. (d) 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 38.

(2) For the purposes of this Scheme the use of a machine for road haulage, land drainage, electricity generation, operations in connection with the construction, cultivation or maintenance of a private garden, pleasure ground, sports ground, recreation ground or allotment garden (as defined in subsection (1) of section 22 of the Allotments Act, 1922(a)), or for any purpose which is not agricultural within the meaning of the Agriculture Act, 1947(b), shall not be treated as agricultural operations: Provided that in relation to Scotland these expressions shall have the like meaning as in the Agriculture (Scotland) Act, 1948(c).

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

*Qualifications for Grants*

**3.**—(1) A grant may be made in respect of a machine under this Scheme where—

(*a*) the machine is of one of the kinds specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto ;

(*b*) the Minister is satisfied that there has been made such regular use of the machine for agricultural operations as is in his opinion usual for that kind of machine during—

(i) in the case of a new machine of a kind specified in the first column of Part I of the said Schedule, that part of the grant year since the machine was acquired, and

(ii) in the case of other machines, the grant year ; and

(*c*) the person making application for a grant was the owner of the machine—

(i) in the case of a new machine of a kind specified in the first column of Part I of the said Schedule, at any time in January or February in the grant year to which such application relates ;

(ii) in any other case, on the first day of January in such grant year.

(2) No grant shall be made to any person claiming to be entitled thereto by virtue of an assignment or assignation.

*Amount of Grant*

**4.** The grant that may be made under this Scheme shall, in respect of a machine of a kind specified in the first column of the said Schedule, be of the amount set forth opposite to that kind in the second column of the said Schedule :

Provided that where a new machine, being of a kind specified in the first column of Part I of the said Schedule, was acquired after the thirty-first day of May in the grant year by the person making application for a grant, the grant shall be reduced as follows—

(*a*) by one-quarter for a machine acquired during June, July, or August ;

(*b*) by one-half for a machine acquired during September, October, or November ; and

(*c*) by three-quarters for a machine acquired during December, January or February.

(a) 12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 51. (b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.
(c) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 45. (d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

*Withholding of Grants*

**5.** A grant may be withheld in any case at the discretion of the Minister, and, in particular, where the person making application therefor fails to allow the Minister such facilities as he may reasonably require for the inspection of any machine to which such application relates, or to give to the Minister such information or produce to him such accounts, and other documents as he may require for the purposes of verifying the qualifications of such person.

*Application for Grants*

**6.** No grant shall be made unless application therefor is received by the Minister—

(*a*) not later than the first day of April in the grant year to which the application relates, and

(*b*) in such manner and in such form as the Minister may from time to time determine:

Provided that the Minister may, if in special circumstances he thinks fit to do so, make a grant in respect of an application received after the said first day of April.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this twenty-eighth day of November, 1950.

(L.S.)

*T. Williams,*
Minister.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this twenty-ninth day of November, 1950.

(L.S.)

*Hector McNeil,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Approved 29th November, 1950.

*Charles Royle,*
*R. J. Taylor,*
Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

## SCHEDULE

### PART I

| *Kind of Machine* | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Agricultural tractors fitted with internal combustion engines | | | |
| (*a*) which are designed to burn petrol and which have a piston displacement of:— | | | |
| (i) 1,600 c.c. and over .. .. .. .. .. | 22 | 10 | 0 |
| (ii) from 800 c.c. to 1,599 c.c. .. .. .. .. | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| (iii) from 400 c.c. to 799 c.c. .. .. .. .. | 5 | 12 | 0 |
| (iv) under 400 c.c. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| (*b*) which are designed to burn vaporizing oil but which require petrol for the purpose of starting .. .. .. .. | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| (*c*) which are designed to burn diesel oil but which require petrol for the purpose of starting .. .. .. .. | | 16 | 0 |

| | £ | s. | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2. Four-wheeled vehicles of less than 30 cwt. unladen weight, which drive through all road wheels and are fitted with internal combustion engines which are designed to burn petrol and which have a piston displacement of not less than 1,500 c.c. .. .. | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. Agricultural tractor dumpers fitted with internal combustion engines which are designed to burn petrol and which have a piston displacement of not less than 1,600 c.c. .. .. .. .. | 5 | 0 | 0 |

4. Stationary internal combustion engines (whether fixed or portable) which are designed to burn petrol and which are used for driving:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| (*a*) milking machines .. .. .. .. .. .. | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| (*b*) pumps supplying drinking water for livestock or supplying water for irrigating crops .. .. .. .. .. | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| (*c*) other agricultural machines which are stationary when in operation .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | | | |

PART II

1. Self-propelled agricultural machines of the following classes (other than tractors, tractor dumpers and four-wheel drive vehicles) fitted with internal combustion engines which are designed to burn petrol:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| (*a*) combined harvester-threshers, forage harvesters and pick-up balers .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| (*b*) machines other than those included in group above having engines with a piston displacement of:— | | | |
| (i) 800 c.c. and over .. .. .. .. .. .. | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| (ii) 400 c.c. to 799 c.c. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 2 | 0 | 0 |

2. Agricultural machines of the following classes, drawn when in operation, by tractor or other means, and fitted, for operating the working parts, with internal combustion engines which are designed to burn petrol:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| (*a*) combined harvester-threshers, forage harvesters and pick-up balers having engines with a piston displacement of not less than 800 c.c. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| (*b*) agricultural machines other than those included in group 2 (*a*) above having engines with a piston displacement of:— | | | |
| (i) 800 c.c. and over .. .. .. .. .. .. | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| (ii) 400 to 799 c.c. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| (iii) under 400 c.c. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 1 | 0 | 0 |

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1950 (14 Geo. 6. c. 17), provides that a Scheme may be made for making grants in respect of petrol-driven machines used for agricultural operations. This Scheme, made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for Scotland, with the approval of the Treasury, sets forth the qualifications for obtaining, and the method of calculating the amount of such grants. The Scheme applies to the whole of the United Kingdom.