STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 750 (S. 54)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The Agricultural Wages (Scotland) Act 1949 (Amendment) Regulations 1999

Made - - - - 9th March 1999
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Coming into force - - 1st April 1999

The Secretary of State for Scotland in consequence of the National Minimum Wage Act 1998(1) and of the National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999(2), in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 47(2) of the National Minimum Wage Act 1998, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and comment

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Agricultural Wages (Scotland) Act 1949 (Amendment) Regulations 1999 and shall come into force on 1st April 1999.

Amendment of the Agricultural Wages (Scotland) Act 1949

- **2.**—(1) The Agricultural Wages (Scotland) Act 1949(3) shall be amended in accordance with this regulation.
 - (2) Section 3A(3)(f)(4) shall be omitted.
 - (3) After section 3A(3) there shall be inserted—
 - "(3A) In the application of section 17 of the National Minimum Wage Act 1998 by subsection (1) of this section—
 - (a) for subsection (2) there shall be substituted the following subsection—
 - "(2) That amount is the difference between-
 - (a) the remuneration received by the worker as a worker employed in agriculture for the pay reference period from his employer; and

^{(1) 1998} c. 39.

⁽²⁾ S.I. 1999/584.

^{(3) 1949} c. 30.

⁽⁴⁾ Section 3A was inserted by National Minimum Wage Act 1998, Schedule 2 paragraph 13.

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- (b) the amount which he would have received as a worker employed in agriculture for that period had he been remunerated by the employer at the minimum rate applicable under this Act;"
- (b) subsection (3) shall be disregarded.".

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Agricultural Wages (Scotland) Act 1949 ("the 1949 Act").

Paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 to the National Minimum Wage Act 1998 ("the 1998 Act") amended the 1949 Act so as to apply the enforcement provisions of the 1998 Act for the purposes of that Act. The effect of these Regulations is to specify the additional remuneration to which a worker is entitled for agricultural work where his employer has paid him at a rate less than the minimum rate applicable under the 1949 Act. The amount is the difference between what the worker received from his employer for agricultural work in the pay reference period and what he would have received if he had been paid at the minimum rate. The expression "pay reference period" is defined in the National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999.