



# Agriculture Act 1967

## CHAPTER 22

### AGRICULTURE ACT 1967

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## SCHEDULE 1 — The Meat and Livestock Commission.

## PART I — FUNCTIONS

- 1 (1) Promoting greater efficiency in the production of livestock by...
- 2 Promoting or undertaking arrangements for assessing the breeding qualities of...
- 3 Promoting or undertaking performance testing, and progeny testing, of livestock,...
- 4 Promoting or undertaking provision of services of artificial insemination of...
- 5 Maintaining and publishing registers of cattle and pig herds and...
- 6 Promoting the use for breeding purposes of sires of a...
- 7 (1) Giving advice and information to the Central Council for...
- 8 (1) Advising on suitable and fair terms (other than financial...
- 9 (1) Giving advice and information to those owning, conducting or...
- 10 (1) Giving advice and information to those owning, conducting or...
- 11 (1) Disseminating in the livestock industry and livestock products industry...
- 12 Giving advice and information to the Ministers about current and...
- 13 Promoting or undertaking investigations and research as to—
- 14 Collecting the results of investigations and research carried out on...
- 15 Promoting or undertaking arrangements for advertising the merits, and increasing...
- 16 Disseminating information and advice useful to consumers of livestock products,...
- 17 (1) In sections of the livestock industry or livestock products...
- 18 Accepting, whether as a trustee or otherwise, responsibility for carrying...
- 19 Giving financial assistance to any person in order to achieve...
- 20 Making available to persons concerned, in a form which does...
- 21 Any functions incidental or ancillary to any of the functions...
- 22 The Commission may engage in any form of collaboration or...

## PART II — THE COMMISSION

- 1 The Commission shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession...
- 2 (1) It shall be within the capacity of the Commission...
- 3 The validity of any proceedings of the Commission shall not...
- 4 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, a...
- 5 (1) A member of the Commission shall, if he is...
- 6 In the case of an equality of votes at any...
- 7 (1) Subject to paragraphs 5 and 6 of this Part...
- 8 (1) The Commission may appoint such officers and servants as...

- 9 (1) It shall be the duty of the Commission, except...  
10 The application of the seal of the Commission shall be...  
PART III — THE COMMISSION'S COMMITTEES

*The Production Committee*

- 1 (1) The Production Committee shall consist of a chairman appointed...

*The Distribution Committee*

- 2 (1) The Distribution Committee shall consist of a chairman appointed...

*The Consumers Committee*

- 3 The Consumers Committee shall consist of a chairman appointed by...

*Chairmen of Production, Distribution and Consumers Committees*

- 4 (1) The chairman of the Production Committee, of the Distribution...

*Joint Committees*

- 5 (1) A joint committee shall consist of one or more...

*Payment of members of committees*

- 6 The Commission— (a) may pay to members of the Production...

*Procedure*

- 7 Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Part II of this...

SCHEDULE 2 — Supplementary provisions with respect to Development Schemes.

*Procedure for making development schemes*

- 1 (1) At least fifty-six days before submitting a development scheme...  
2 (1) The Commission shall not submit to the Ministers a...  
3 When submitting any development scheme to the Ministers, the  
Commission...  
4 (1) After considering any objections and any report so transmitted...

*Confirmation of development scheme by order*

- 5 (1) If the Ministers are satisfied that the bringing into...

*Coming into force of development scheme*

- 6 A development scheme shall come into force on such date...

*Proceedings questioning validity of a development scheme*

- 7 (1) Within six months from the making of an order...

*Ministers' powers to revoke or direct variation of a development scheme*

- 8 If the Ministers are satisfied— (a) that a development scheme...

SCHEDULE 3 — Conditions Applying to Amalgamated Agricultural Units.

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*Duration of conditions, and incorporation in leases, tenancies, etc.*

- 1 For a period of forty years from the time when...

*Registration of conditions*

- 2 (1) When the conditions so specified first come to apply...

*Condition restricting transfers without Minister's consent*

- 3 (1) It shall be a condition that, except with the...

*Condition restricting non-agricultural use without Minister's consent*

- 4 It shall be a condition that, except with the written...

*Condition requiring giving of information*

- 5 It shall be a condition that the owner of the...

*Powers of Minister on giving consent*

- 6 (1) The appropriate Minister— (a) may, when giving his consent...

*Breach of condition*

- 7 (1) A person by whom the condition specified in paragraph...  
8 If the appropriate Minister is satisfied that a breach of...

*Supplementary*

- 9 In this Schedule " owner ", in relation to any...  
10 In relation to land which is subject to the provisions...  
11 In relation to Scotland, any reference in this Schedule to...  
12 In relation to Northern Ireland— (a) any reference in this...

SCHEDULE 4 — Improvements Eligible for Grant.

- 1 Erection, alteration, enlargement or reconditioning of permanent farm buildings (other...  
2 Provision of means of sewage disposal other than from dwelling-houses...  
3 Making and improvement of roads, fords, bridges, railway crossings and...  
4 Provision or laying-on of electric light or power, or gas,...  
5 Provision and improvement of pens and other fixed equipment for...  
6 Construction and improvement of silos, and the provision of means...  
7 Erection of wirework for hop gardens.  
8 Making and improvement and renewal (but not repair) of permanent...  
9 Provision of cattle-grids.  
10 Reclamation of waste land.  
11 Provision of shelter belts.  
12 Removal of hedges and banks, filling in of ditches, removal...  
13 Protection and improvement of river banks.  
14 Land levelling work, including filling in ponds and depressions which...  
15 Claying and marling.  
16 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, the provision and installation...  
17 Any operation incidental to any of the operations specified in...

SCHEDULE 5 — Rural Development Boards.

PART I — PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING A BOARD

*Order establishing a Board*

- 1 (1) The area of a Rural Development Board, and the...

*Procedure for making order*

- 2 (1) The appropriate Minister shall, after consultation with such local...  
3 The grounds on which an objection may be made shall...  
4 (1) If no objection is duly made or if all...  
5 As soon as may be after the appropriate Minister has...

*Orders varying Board's area or dissolving a Board*

- 6 (1) The appropriate Minister may by order by statutory instrument...

*Supplemental*

- 7 (1) Paragraphs 15 and 16 of Schedule 1 to the...

PART II — CONSTITUTION AND PROCEDURE OF BOARDS

- 1 (1) A Rural Development Board shall consist of not less...  
2 A Board shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession...  
3 (1) It shall be within the capacity of a Board...  
4 The validity of any proceedings of a Board shall not...  
5 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, a...  
6 If the appropriate Minister is satisfied that a member of...  
7 (1) If a member of a Board has any pecuniary...  
8 (1) In the case of an equality of votes at...  
9 (1) A Board may appoint such officers and servants as...  
10 The application of the seal of a Board to any...  
11 A Board's office shall be in its area or where...

SCHEDULE 6 — The Central Council for Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation.

- 1 The Council shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession...  
2 (1) It shall be within the capacity of the Council...  
3 The validity of any proceedings of the Council shall not...  
4 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, a...  
5 (1) A member of the Council shall, if he has...  
6 In the case of an equality of votes at any...  
7 Subject to paragraphs 5 and 6 of this Schedule, the...  
8 The Ministers may designate persons to attend on their behalf...  
9 (1) The Council may appoint such officers and servants as...  
10 The application of the seal of the Council shall be...

SCHEDULE 7 — Repeals.