



Agriculture Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 49

Provision of agricultural services and goods

1 Provision of services and goods connected with agriculture and countryside

- (1) The Minister may make provision for the supply to any person of any services or goods relating to—
 - (a) the production and marketing of agricultural produce and other food;
 - (b) the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty and amenity of the countryside; or
 - (c) any other agricultural activity or other enterprise of benefit to the rural economy.
- (2) The provision which may be made under this section includes, in particular, provision for—
 - (a) the giving of information, advice, instruction and training;
 - (b) the undertaking of research and development;
 - (c) the examination or testing of any substance;
 - (d) the supply of veterinary services and of goods required for veterinary purposes;
 - (e) the performance of any service required in connection with the drainage of agricultural land.
- (3) The provision which may be made under this section includes provision for the supply of such services and goods as are mentioned in subsection (1) above through any organisation; and the Minister shall establish an organisation through which such a supply may be made.
- (4) Any services or goods provided by virtue of this section may be provided free of charge or for such reasonable charge as the Ministers may determine.
- (5) For the purposes of this section the conservation of the natural beauty of the countryside includes the conservation of flora and fauna and geological and physiographical features.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

(6) In this section—

" agriculture " has the same meaning as in the Agriculture Act 1947;

" food " has the same meaning as in the Food Act 1984; and

" the Minister " means—

(a) in relation to services or goods provided in England, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; and

(b) in relation to services or goods provided in Wales, the Secretary of State, and " the Ministers " means those Ministers acting jointly.