



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.
- ^{F1}(3) The provision which may be made under this section includes provision for any services or goods mentioned in subsection (1) above to be supplied—
 - (a) through any person with whom the Minister enters into a contract for the making of the supply; or
 - (b) through any organisation established by him for the purposes of this section.]
- (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.

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- (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.
- (6) In this section—
- “agriculture” has the same meaning as in the ^{M1}Agriculture Act 1947;
 - “food” has the same meaning as in the [^{F2}Food Safety Act 1990]; 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.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 1(3) substituted (3.1.1995) by 1994 c. 40, ss. 76, 82(2), **Sch. 16 para. 14**.

F2 Words substituted by Food Safety Act 1990 (c. 16, SIF 53:1, 2), ss. 54, 59(1), **Sch. 3 para. 35**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 1(4): power to transfer certain functions conferred (27.12.1999) by S.I. 1999/3141, arts. 2(1)(5), 3, **Sch.**

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M1 1947 c. 48.

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