



Agriculture Act 2020

CHAPTER 21

AGRICULTURE ACT 2020

PART 1

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

CHAPTER 1

NEW FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POWERS

- 1 Secretary of State's powers to give financial assistance
- 2 Financial assistance: forms, conditions, delegation and publication of information
- 3 Financial assistance: checking, enforcing and monitoring
- 4 Multi-annual financial assistance plans
- 5 Annual and other reports on amount of financial assistance given
- 6 Monitoring impact of financial assistance etc

CHAPTER 2

DIRECT PAYMENTS AFTER EU EXIT

- 7 Meaning of “basic payment scheme” and other expressions in Chapter 2
- 8 The agricultural transition period for England and the termination of relevant payments
- 9 Power to modify legislation governing the basic payment scheme
- 10 Power to provide for the continuation of the basic payment scheme beyond 2020
- 11 Power to provide for phasing out direct payments
- 12 Power to make delinked payments

Changes to legislation: Agriculture Act 2020 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

- 13 Power to provide for lump sum payments in lieu of relevant payments

CHAPTER 3

OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT AFTER EU EXIT

- 14 General provision connected with payments to farmers and other beneficiaries
15 Aid for fruit and vegetable producer organisations
16 Support for rural development
17 Continuing EU programmes: power to provide financial assistance
18 Assimilated direct legislation

PART 2

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL MARKETS

CHAPTER 1

FOOD SECURITY

- 19 Duty to report to Parliament on UK food security

CHAPTER 2

INTERVENTION IN AGRICULTURAL MARKETS

- 20 Declaration relating to exceptional market conditions
21 Exceptional market conditions: powers available to Secretary of State
22 Modification of certain assimilated direct legislation in connection with exceptional market conditions and for general purposes

PART 3

TRANSPARENCY AND FAIRNESS IN THE AGRI-FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

CHAPTER 1

COLLECTION AND SHARING OF DATA

- 23 Agri-food supply chains: requirement to provide information
24 Meaning of “agri-food supply chain”
25 Requirement must specify purposes for which information may be processed
26 Requirements under section 23(1): duty to publish draft requirement
27 Provision of required information and limitations on its processing
28 Enforcement of information requirements

CHAPTER 2

FAIR DEALING WITH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS AND OTHERS IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN

- 29 Fair dealing obligations of business purchasers of agricultural products

Changes to legislation: Agriculture Act 2020 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

CHAPTER 3

PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

- 30 Producer and interbranch organisations etc: application for recognition
- 31 Recognised organisations: competition exemptions and further provision
- 32 Regulations under sections 30 and 31

PART 4

MATTERS RELATING TO FARMING AND THE COUNTRYSIDE

- 33 Fertilisers
- 34 Identification and traceability of animals
- 35 Red meat levy: payments between levy bodies in Great Britain
- 36 Agricultural tenancies

PART 5

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

- 37 Marketing standards
- 38 Organic products
- 39 Organic products: supplementary
- 40 Carcass classification
- 41 Power to reproduce modifications under section 37 for wine sector
- 42 Reports relating to free trade agreements

PART 6

WTO AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE

- 43 Power to make regulations for securing compliance with WTO Agreement on Agriculture: general
- 44 Regulations under section 43: limits on provision of domestic support in the United Kingdom
- 45 Regulations under section 43: classification of domestic support

PART 7

WALES AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- 46 Wales
- 47 Duration of provision in relation to Wales
- 48 Northern Ireland

PART 8

GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

- 49 Data protection
- 50 Regulations
- 51 Interpretation
- 52 Consequential amendments
- 53 Power to make consequential etc provision
- 54 Power to make transitional etc provision
- 55 Financial provision
- 56 Extent

Changes to legislation: Agriculture Act 2020 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

- 57 Commencement
- 58 Short title

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Agricultural sectors relevant to producer organisation provisions
Dairy Beef Sheep Goats Pig Poultry Eggs Cereals Fruit and...

SCHEDULE 2 — Recognised organisations: competition exclusions

- 1 Schedule 3 to the Competition Act 1998 (general exclusions) is...
- 2 (1) Paragraph 9 (agricultural products) is amended as follows.
- 3 After paragraph 9, insert— (1) The Chapter 1 prohibition does not apply to an...

SCHEDULE 3 — Agricultural tenancies

PART 1 — AMENDMENTS TO THE AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS ACT 1986

Introductory

- 1 The Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 is amended as follows.

Notices relating to third party determination of rent

- 2 (1) Section 12 (arbitration or third party determination of rent)...
- 3 (1) Schedule 2 (arbitration or third party determination of rent:...

Appointment of arbitrators etc

- 4 In section 12 (arbitration or third party determination of rent),...
- 5 (1) Section 22 (rights to require certain records to be...
- 6 (1) Section 84 (arbitrations) is amended as follows.

Requests for landlord's consent or variation of terms

- 7 Before section 20 insert— Disputes relating to requests for landlord's...

Arbitration or third party determination of rent: relevant factors

- 8 (1) In Schedule 2 (arbitration or third party determination of...

Notices to quit: cases where consent of tribunal not required

- 9 In Part 1 of Schedule 3 (cases where consent of...

Succession on death or retirement: condition relating to occupation of commercial unit

- 10 In section 35 (application of sections 36 to 48), in...
- 11 (1) Section 36 (right of any eligible person to apply...
- 12 In section 41 (application by not fully eligible person), in...
- 13 (1) Section 50 (right to apply for new tenancy on...
- 14 Omit section 58 (effect of direction under section 53 on...
- 15 (1) Section 59 (interpretation of Part 4) is amended as...
- 16 Omit Schedule 6 (eligibility to apply for new tenancy).

Changes to legislation: Agriculture Act 2020 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

Succession on death or retirement: condition relating to suitability

- 17 In section 39 (applications for tenancy of holding), for subsection...
18 (1) Section 53 (application for tenancy of holding by nominated...

Succession on retirement: minimum age of retiring tenant

- 19 In section 51 (cases excluded from operation of section 50(1))...
20 In section 53 (application for tenancy of holding by nominated...

Regulations and orders

- 21 (1) Section 94 (orders and regulations) is amended as follows...
PART 2 — AMENDMENTS TO THE AGRICULTURAL TENANCIES ACT 1995

Introductory

- 22 The Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995 is amended as follows.

Appointment of arbitrators

- 23 (1) Section 12 (appointment of arbitrator) is amended as follows...
24 (1) Section 19 (references to arbitration of certain disputes) is...
25 (1) Section 22 (settlement of claims for disputes) is amended...
26 (1) Section 28 (resolution of disputes) is amended as follows...
27 (1) Section 30 (general provisions applying to arbitrations) is amended...
28 In section 38 (interpretation), in subsection (1), for the definition...
29 In section 39 (index)— (a) after the entry relating to...

SCHEDULE 4 — Agricultural products relevant to marketing standards provisions

Milk and milk products
Spreadable fats
Beef and veal
Poultry and poultrymeat
Eggs and egg products
Fruit and vegetables, other than olives
Olive oil and table olives
Hops
Wine
Aromatised wine
Interpretation

SCHEDULE 5 — Provision relating to Wales

PART 1 — FINANCIAL SUPPORT AFTER EU EXIT

Direct payments after EU exit: interpretation

- 1 (1) This paragraph defines or explains expressions used in this...

Power to modify legislation governing the basic payment scheme

- 2 (1) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations modify legislation governing...

Changes to legislation: Agriculture Act 2020 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

Power to provide for the continuation of the basic payment scheme beyond 2020

- 3 (1) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations modify legislation governing...

Other financial support: modification in relation to Wales of general provision connected with payments to farmers and other beneficiaries

- 4 (1) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations modify the following...

Apiculture

- 5 (1) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations modify any of...

Support for rural development: modification of legislation in relation to Wales

- 6 (1) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations modify any of...
PART 2 — INTERVENTION IN AGRICULTURAL MARKETS

Declaration relating to exceptional market conditions

- 7 (1) The Welsh Ministers may make and publish a declaration...

Exceptional market conditions: powers available to Welsh Ministers

- 8 (1) This paragraph applies during the period for which a...

Power to modify retained direct EU legislation relating to public market intervention and private storage aid

- 9 (1) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations modify retained direct...
PART 3 — COLLECTION AND SHARING OF DATA

Agri-food supply chains: requirement to provide information

- 10 (1) The Welsh Ministers may require a person in, or...

Meaning of “agri-food supply chain”

- 11 (1) This paragraph has effect for the purposes of this...

Requirement must specify purposes for which information may be processed

- 12 (1) This paragraph applies to a requirement imposed under paragraph...

Requirements under paragraph 10(1): duty to publish draft requirement

- 13 (1) Before a particular requirement is imposed under paragraph 10(1),...

Provision of required information and limitations on its processing

- 14 (1) This paragraph applies to a requirement imposed under paragraph...

Enforcement of information requirements

- 15 (1) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision for...
PART 4 — MARKETING STANDARDS AND CARCASS CLASSIFICATION

Changes to legislation: Agriculture Act 2020 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

Marketing standards

- 16 (1) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations, in relation to...

Agricultural products

- 17 (1) The agricultural products mentioned in paragraph 16(1) are products...

Carcass classification

- 18 (1) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision about...
PART 5 — DATA PROTECTION
19 (1) This paragraph applies to a duty or power to...

SCHEDULE 6 — Provision relating to Northern Ireland
PART 1 — FINANCIAL SUPPORT AFTER EU EXIT

Direct payments after EU Exit: interpretation

- 1 (1) This paragraph defines or explains expressions used in this...

Power to modify legislation governing the basic payment scheme

- 2 (1) DAERA may by regulations modify legislation governing the basic...

Power to provide for the continuation of the basic payment scheme beyond 2020

- 3 (1) DAERA may by regulations modify legislation governing the basic...

Power to modify legislation governing the coupled support scheme

- 4 (1) DAERA may by regulations modify legislation governing the coupled...

General provision connected with payments to farmers and other beneficiaries: modification in relation to Northern Ireland

- 5 (1) DAERA may by regulations modify any of the following...

Apiculture

- 6 (1) DAERA may by regulations modify any of the following...

Support for rural development: modification of legislation in relation to Northern Ireland

- 7 (1) DAERA may by regulations modify any of the following...
PART 2 — INTERVENTION IN AGRICULTURAL MARKETS

Exceptional market conditions: powers available to DAERA

- 8 (1) Where DAERA considers that— (a) there is a severe...

Changes to legislation: Agriculture Act 2020 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

Power to modify assimilated direct legislation relating to public market intervention and private storage aid

- 9 (1) DAERA may by regulations modify assimilated direct legislation relating...

PART 3 — COLLECTION AND SHARING OF DATA

Agri-food supply chains: requirement to provide information

- 10 (1) DAERA may require a person in, or closely connected...

Meaning of “agri-food supply chain”

- 11 (1) This paragraph has effect for the purposes of this...

Requirement must specify purposes for which information may be processed

- 12 (1) This paragraph applies to a requirement imposed under paragraph...

Requirements under paragraph 10(1): duty to publish draft requirement

- 13 (1) Before a particular requirement is imposed under paragraph 10(1),...

Provision of required information and limitations on its processing

- 14 (1) This paragraph applies to a requirement imposed under paragraph...

Enforcement of information requirements

- 15 (1) DAERA may by regulations make provision for enforcement of...

PART 4 — MARKETING STANDARDS AND CARCASS CLASSIFICATION

Marketing standards

- 16 (1) DAERA may by regulations, in relation to agricultural products...

Agricultural products

- 17 (1) The agricultural products mentioned in paragraph 16(1) are products...

Carcass classification

- 18 (1) DAERA may by regulations make provision about the classification,...

PART 5 — DATA PROTECTION

- 19 (1) This paragraph applies to a duty or power to...

SCHEDULE 7 — The CMO Regulation: consequential amendments

PART 1 — EXCEPTIONAL MARKET CONDITIONS: ENGLAND

- 1 In consequence of the provision made by sections 20 and...

PART 2 — EXCEPTIONAL MARKET CONDITIONS: WALES

- 2 In consequence of the provision made by paragraphs 7 and...

PART 3 — MARKETING STANDARDS AND CARCASS CLASSIFICATION: ENGLAND

- 3 In consequence of the provision made in Part 5, the...

- 4 In Article 19 (public intervention and aid for private storage:...

- 5 In Article 20 (public intervention and aid for private storage:...

Changes to legislation: Agriculture Act 2020 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

- 6 In Article 21 (public intervention and aid for private storage:...
- 7 In Article 73 (marketing standards: scope), at the end insert—...
- 8 In Article 75 (marketing standards: establishment and content), at the...
- 9 In Article 78 (definitions, designations and sales descriptions for certain...
- 10 In Article 80 (oenological practices and methods of analysis), at...
- 11 In Article 86 (reservation, amendment and cancellation of optional reserved...
- 12 In Article 91 (implementing powers in accordance with the examination...
- 13 In Article 119 (labelling and presentation in the wine sector:...
- 14 In Article 122 (labelling and presentation in the wine sector:...
- 15 In Article 123 (implementing powers in accordance with the examination...
- 16 Regulations made by the European Commission under—
- 17 Regulations made by the European Commission under Section 1 or...
PART 4 — MARKETING STANDARDS AND CARCASS CLASSIFICATION:
WALES
- 18 In consequence of the provision made in Part 4 of...
- 19 In Article 19 (public intervention and aid for private storage:...
- 20 In Article 20 (public intervention and aid for private storage:...
- 21 In Article 21 (public intervention and aid for private storage:...
- 22 In Article 73 (marketing standards: scope), at the end (and...
- 23 In Article 75 (marketing standards: establishment and content), at the...
- 24 In Article 78 (definitions, designations and sales descriptions for certain...
- 25 In Article 80 (oenological practices and methods of analysis), at...
- 26 In Article 86 (reservation, amendment and cancellation of optional reserved...
- 27 In Article 91 (implementing powers in accordance with the examination...
- 28 In Article 119 (labelling and presentation in the wine sector:...
- 29 In Article 122 (labelling and presentation in the wine sector:...
- 30 In Article 123 (implementing powers in accordance with the examination...
- 31 Regulations made by the European Commission under—
- 32 Regulations made by the European Commission under Section 1 or...
PART 5 — MARKETING STANDARDS AND CARCASS CLASSIFICATION:
NORTHERN IRELAND
- 33 In consequence of the provision made in Part 4 of...
- 34 In Article 19 (public intervention and aid for private storage:...
- 35 In Article 20 (public intervention and aid for private storage:...
- 36 In Article 21 (public intervention and aid for private storage:...
- 37 In Article 73 (marketing standards: scope), at the end (and...
- 38 In Article 75 (marketing standards: establishment and content), at the...
- 39 In Article 78 (definitions, designations and sales descriptions for certain...
- 40 In Article 80 (oenological practices and methods of analysis), at...
- 41 In Article 86 (reservation, amendment and cancellation of optional reserved...
- 42 In Article 91 (implementing powers in accordance with the examination...
- 43 In Article 119 (labelling and presentation in the wine sector:...

Changes to legislation: Agriculture Act 2020 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) [View outstanding changes](#)

- 44 In Article 122 (labelling and presentation in the wine sector:...
- 45 In Article 123 (implementing powers in accordance with the examination...
- 46 Regulations made by the European Commission under—
- 47 Regulations made by the European Commission under Section 1 or...

Changes to legislation:

Agriculture Act 2020 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

[View outstanding changes](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 36 coming into force by S.I. 2021/597 reg. 2(c)
- s. 42(5) words inserted by 2021 c. 10 s. 9(3)(a)
- s. 42(5) words omitted by 2021 c. 10 s. 9(3)(b)
- s. 42(5)(d) words inserted by 2021 c. 10 s. 9(3)(c)
- s. 47(6) words substituted by S.I. 2023/1424 Sch. para. 93(2)(j)
- s. 47(8) words substituted by S.I. 2023/1424 Sch. para. 93(2)(j)
- Sch. 3 para. 10 coming into force by S.I. 2021/597 reg. 2(a)
- Sch. 3 para. 11 coming into force by S.I. 2021/597 reg. 2(a)
- Sch. 3 para. 12 coming into force by S.I. 2021/597 reg. 2(a)
- Sch. 3 para. 13 coming into force by S.I. 2021/597 reg. 2(a)
- Sch. 3 para. 14 coming into force by S.I. 2021/597 reg. 2(a)
- Sch. 3 para. 15 coming into force by S.I. 2021/597 reg. 2(a)
- Sch. 3 para. 16 coming into force by S.I. 2021/597 reg. 2(a)
- Sch. 3 para. 18 coming into force by S.I. 2021/597 reg. 2(b)
- Sch. 5 para. 1 words substituted by S.I. 2023/1424 Sch. para. 93(2)(n)
- Sch. 5 para. 4 words substituted by S.I. 2023/1424 Sch. para. 93(2)(n)
- Sch. 5 para. 5 words substituted by S.I. 2023/1424 Sch. para. 93(2)(n)
- Sch. 5 para. 6 words substituted by S.I. 2023/1424 Sch. para. 93(2)(n)
- Sch. 5 para. 8 words substituted by S.I. 2023/1424 Sch. para. 93(2)(n)
- Sch. 5 para. 9 words substituted by S.I. 2023/1424 Sch. para. 93(2)(n)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 42(4A)(4B) inserted by 2021 c. 10 s. 9(2)
- s. 42(6A)-(6C) inserted by 2021 c. 10 s. 9(4)