
DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Modification
of Enactments) Order 2002**

Agriculture Act 1957

2.—(1) In this Article “the 1957 Act” means the Agriculture Act 1957⁽¹⁾.

(2) Any function under the 1957 Act which is exercisable by the Secretary of State concerned with agriculture in Northern Ireland acting alone shall instead be exercisable by the Northern Ireland Department.

(3) The Secretary of State concerned with agriculture in Northern Ireland shall cease to be amongst those persons who may, acting jointly, make an order under section 5, insofar as it relates to Northern Ireland, or under section 6 of the 1957 Act, but the function of so making such an order shall be exercisable only with the consent of the Northern Ireland Department.

(4) Sections 9(3) and 35(2) of the 1957 Act do not apply to an order which, by virtue of paragraph (2), is made by the Northern Ireland Department, but any such order shall be laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly as soon as may be after it is made, and shall cease to have effect (without prejudice to anything previously done thereunder or to the making of a new order) on the expiration of the period of forty days beginning on the day on which it comes into force unless within that period it has been approved by resolution of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(5) In sections 6(3)(b) and 9(4) of the 1957 Act, where “the Minister” refers to the Secretary of State concerned with agriculture in Northern Ireland or to that Secretary of State and other persons acting jointly, the term shall be modified so as instead to refer to the Northern Ireland Department or that Department and those persons acting jointly.