



# Agriculture Act 1970

## CHAPTER 40

### AGRICULTURE ACT 1970

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### SCHEDULES

#### SCHEDULE 1 — Provisions as to Eggs Authority

- 1 The Authority shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession...
- 2 (1) It shall be within the capacity of the Authority...
- 3 For the purposes of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1956,...
- 4 The validity of any proceedings of the Authority shall not...
- 5 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, a...
- 6 (1) A member of the Authority shall, if he is...
- 7 In the case of an equality of votes at any...
- 8 Subject to paragraphs 6 and 7 of this Schedule, the...
- 9 (1) The Authority may appoint a secretary and such other...
- 10 (1) The Authority may appoint such advisory committees as they...
- 11 The application of the seal of the Authority shall be...
- 12 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...

#### SCHEDULE 2 — S. 26 of Agriculture Act 1967 as Amended

#### SCHEDULE 3 — Transitional Provisions for Part III

- 1 In this Schedule " the repeal" means the repeal by...
- 2 Any land which immediately before the commencement of Part III...
- 3 The repeal shall not affect the validity of any letting...
- 4 The repeal shall not affect the operation of any of...
- 5 The repeal, in so far as it relates to section...
- 6 The repeal, in so far as it relates to section...
- 7 The repeal shall not affect any duty of the Minister...
- 8 The repeal shall not affect the operation of any regulations...
- 9 Without prejudice to the preceding provisions of this Schedule, in...

#### SCHEDULE 4 — Enactments Amended

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*Repeals of enactments relating to capital grants*

##### PART II

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##### PART III

*Repeals of enactments relating to smallholdings*

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PART V

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