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**CROFTERS, COTTARS AND SMALL LANDHOLDERS,
SCOTLAND****The Crofters etc. Livestock Purchase Loans
(Scotland) Scheme 1966**

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| <i>Made</i> - - - | 6th October 1966 |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> | 19th October 1966 |
| <i>Coming into Operation</i> | 20th October 1966 |

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 22(1) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1955(a) and section 14(1) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1961(b) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf and after consultation with the Crofters Commission and with the approval of the Treasury, I hereby make the following scheme:—

Citation and commencement

1. This scheme may be cited as the Crofters etc. Livestock Purchase Loans (Scotland) Scheme 1966, and shall come into operation on 20th October 1966.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this scheme the expression “eligible occupier” has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph 3 of the Crofting Counties Agricultural Grants (Scotland) Scheme 1965(c).

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(d) applies for the interpretation of this scheme as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Loans, to be made

3. Subject to the provisions of this scheme, the Secretary of State may, by making a loan of money to him, assist a crofter or eligible occupier to purchase livestock or to acquire a share in a sheep stock club or in a sheep stock club co-operative credit society.

Application for Loan

4. The Secretary of State may require any crofter or eligible occupier who desires to obtain a loan under this scheme to make written application therefor in such form and to furnish such information as the Secretary of State may see fit.

Conditions of loan

5.—(1) A loan shall not be made under this scheme to a crofter or eligible occupier in respect of the cost of livestock which he has purchased unless application for a loan has been made to the Secretary of State before the purchase of the livestock, and unless the purchase has been approved by the Secretary of State either before or after the purchase.

(a) 3 & 4 Eliz. 2. c. 21.
(c) S.I. 1965/1519 (1965 II, 4399).

(b) 1961 c. 58.
(d) 1889 c. 63.

(2) A loan shall not be made under this scheme to a crofter or eligible occupier in respect of the cost of the acquisition of a share in a sheep stock club, or in a sheep stock club co-operative credit society which he proposes to purchase or has purchased unless, before purchasing the share, he has obtained the Secretary of State's written approval to the purchase.

6.—(1) A loan made under this scheme shall not exceed £500 in amount or one-half of the cost of the livestock purchased or, as the case may be, of the acquisition of the share in the sheep stock club or sheep stock club co-operative credit society, whichever is the less:

Provided that where one-half of the said cost is less than £50 no such loan shall be made.

(2) Any such loan as aforesaid shall be repayable over such period not exceeding 15 years as may be determined by the Secretary of State having regard to the circumstances of the particular case and shall bear interest at such a rate as may be determined from time to time by the Secretary of State with the approval of the Treasury.

7. A crofter or eligible occupier to whom a loan has been made under this scheme shall enter into such an agreement in writing or grant such a bond providing for repayment of the loan and for payment of interest thereon and containing such other appropriate provisions all as the Secretary of State may require.

Crofters Commission to be agents

8.—(1) The Secretary of State hereby appoints the Crofters Commission to be his agents for the purpose of the administration of any loan applied for or made under this scheme so far as it relates to loans to occupiers of crofts:

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as enabling the Crofters Commission to make payment of any such loan.

(2) In carrying out their functions as agents of the Secretary of State under this scheme, the Crofters Commission shall have the like powers, rights and duties as are conferred by it upon the Secretary of State.

William Ross,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

27th September 1966.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.

We approve, 6th October 1966.

W. Howie,
Joseph Harper,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Scheme.)

This scheme replaces the Crofters Livestock Purchase Loans (Scotland) Scheme 1961 (S.I. 1961/2267). Loans under this scheme are available to all crofters and to eligible occupiers towards the cost of purchase of livestock or the acquisition of shares in a sheep stock club or sheep stock club co-operative credit society. Prior written approval in the case of the purchase of livestock will no longer be essential, provided application for loan has been made in the specified form prior to the purchase and the purchase is approved by the Secretary of State either before or after the purchase.