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## AGRICULTURE

## AGRICULTURAL GRANTS, GOODS AND SERVICES

**The Agricultural Investment (Variation of Rate of Grant)  
Order 1970**

*Made* - - - - - 16th March 1970  
*Laid before the House of Commons* 18th March 1970  
*Coming into Operation* - - - 19th March 1970

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 34 of the Agriculture Act 1967(a), as read with the Transfer of Functions (Wales) Order 1969(b), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the consent of the Treasury, hereby make the following order:—

*Citation, commencement and extent*

1. This order, which applies throughout the United Kingdom, may be cited as the Agricultural Investment (Variation of Rate of Grant) Order 1970, and shall come into operation on 19th March 1970.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) In this order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the appropriate Minister” means—

- (a) in relation to England, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food;
- (b) in relation to Wales, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State acting jointly;
- (c) in relation to Scotland, the Secretary of State;
- (d) in relation to Northern Ireland, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

“conditional sale agreement”, “credit-sale agreement” and “hire-purchase agreement” have the meanings assigned to them respectively by the Hire-Purchase Act 1965(c), the Hire-Purchase (Scotland) Act 1965(d) or the Hire-Purchase Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(e), as the case may require.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(f) shall apply to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

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(a) 1967 c. 22.  
(d) 1965 c. 67.

(b) S.I. 1969/388 (1969 I, p. 1070).  
(e) 1966 c. 42 (N.I.).

(c) 1965 c. 66.  
(f) 1889 c. 63.

*Variation of rate of grant*

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this article, the amount of any grant—

(a) under section 31 of the Agriculture Act 1967 shall be 30 per cent. of the expenditure in respect of which it is made;

(b) under section 33 of that Act as respects a grant under section 30 of that Act shall be 15 per cent. of the cost by reference to which the amount of the grant under the said section 30 was calculated.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1)(a) of this article apply only in respect of expenditure, being expenditure approved by the appropriate Minister for the purposes of grant under the said section 31, which—

(a) is expenditure (other than expenditure payable by instalments of the kind described in sub-paragraph (b) hereof) incurred by the person concerned on or after 19th March 1970 and not later than 30th September 1971 or,

(b) if it is expenditure payable by instalments, is payable by the person concerned by virtue of a hire-purchase agreement, credit-sale agreement or conditional sale agreement entered into by him, the first of which instalments, or, where any previous payment by way of deposit or other initial payment is made, that payment, is paid within the said period.

For the purposes of this paragraph, expenditure shall be treated as incurred by a person, if or so far as it consists of a payment or payments made by him, on the day on which that payment or those payments is or are made, notwithstanding that any obligation to make that payment or those payments was incurred or fell to be discharged at some other time.

(3) The provisions of paragraph (1)(b) of this article apply only as respects the cost of an improvement in respect of which proposals are submitted for approval, or in respect of which approval is given, by the appropriate Minister on or after 19th March 1970 and not later than 18th March 1972.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 12th March 1970.

(L.S.)

*Cledwyn Hughes,*

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 12th March 1970.

(L.S.)

*William Ross,*

Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under my hand on 13th March 1970.

*George Thomas,*

Secretary of State for Wales.

We consent.

16th March 1970.

*Neil McBride,*

*Joseph Harper,*

Two of the Lords Commissioners  
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the order.)*

This order, which comes into operation on 19th March 1970 and applies throughout the United Kingdom, increases from 10 per cent. to 30 per cent. the rate of agricultural investment grant payable under section 31 of the Agriculture Act 1967 towards approved expenditure on fixed equipment, plant or machinery and long-term improvements to land for the purposes of agricultural businesses and from 5 per cent. to 15 per cent. the rate of the supplement paid under section 33 of that Act in respect of expenditure towards which farm improvement grant is made under section 30 of that Act.

The increased rate under section 31 applies in respect of expenditure between 19th March 1970 and 30th September 1971. In the case of instalments paid under a hire-purchase agreement, credit-sale agreement or conditional sale agreement, the increased rate applies where the first payment (whether made by way of deposit or otherwise) has been made within that period.

The increased rate under section 33 applies in respect of improvements for which proposals are submitted or which are approved between 19th March 1970 and 18th March 1972.

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