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## AGRICULTURE

## AGRICULTURAL GRANTS, GOODS AND SERVICES

## The Agricultural Services Scheme (England and Wales)

## Order 1972

<i>Made</i>	- - -	4th May 1972
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		11th May 1972
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		1st June 1972

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in exercise of the powers vested in him by section 103 (1) of the Agriculture Act 1947<sup>(a)</sup> and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Order:—

*Citation and Commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Agricultural Services Scheme (England and Wales) Order 1972 and shall come into operation on the 1st June 1972.

*Revocation*

2. The Orders specified in Schedule 1 to this Order are hereby revoked.

3. The Interpretation Act 1889<sup>(b)</sup> shall apply to the interpretation of this Order and to the Scheme which is set out in Schedule 2 to this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if this Order and the Orders hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

*Agricultural Services Scheme*

4. The Agricultural Services Scheme (England and Wales), which is set out in Schedule 2 to this Order, shall have effect for the purpose of the provision by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of services to persons managing or farming agricultural land.

In Witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 2nd May 1972.

(L.S.)

*J. M. L. Prior,*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries  
and Food.

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(a) 1947 c. 48. For change of title of the Minister see S.I. 1955/554 (1955 I, p. 1200).  
(b) 1889 c. 63.

Approved.

4th May 1972.

*Tim Fortescue,*  
*P. L. Hawkins,*  
Two of the Lords Commissioners of  
Her Majesty's Treasury.

#### SCHEDULE 1

Orders revoked	References
The Agricultural Goods and Services Scheme (England and Wales) Order 1956	S.I. 1956/142 (1956 I, p.134)
The Agricultural Goods and Services Scheme (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order 1957	S.I. 1957/1542 (1957 I, p. 99)
The Agricultural Goods and Services Scheme (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order 1958	S.I. 1958/1172 (1958 I, p. 100)
The Agricultural Goods and Services Scheme (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order 1959	S.I. 1959/1341 (1959 I, p. 130)
The Agricultural Goods and Services Scheme (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order 1960	S.I. 1960/1238 (1960 I, p. 105)

#### SCHEDULE 2

##### THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICES SCHEME (ENGLAND AND WALES)

##### *Interpretation*

1. In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires—

“applicant” means a person who desires to avail himself of the services which may be provided by the Minister under this Scheme, being a person managing or farming agricultural land, and includes a veterinary practitioner or other agent acting on behalf of such a person;

“Minister” means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food;

“Ministry” means the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food;

“sample” includes any specimen, material, substance or article in relation to which a service is required.

##### *Provision of Services*

2.—(1) The Minister may provide to an applicant any of the services referred to in paragraph 4 of this Scheme in consideration of the payment by the applicant of the appropriate charge for such service as fixed for the time being by the Minister.

(2) Neither the delivery to the Minister of a sample nor the payment to the Minister of the charge for any service, nor both such delivery and payment, shall in itself, or in themselves, have effect so as to establish a contractual relationship between the Minister and the applicant.

*Unsatisfactory Samples*

3. The Minister shall not be obliged to provide any service in relation to a sample which is received by him in such a condition that in the opinion of a responsible officer of the Ministry the service could not be satisfactorily performed.

*Services*

4. The services which may be provided in pursuance of this Scheme are as follows:—

1. *Soils, Composts and Compost Ingredients*  
Examination of a sample by chemical and/or physical tests
2. *Soil Pests and Disorders*  
Examination of a sample (a) for soil pests  
(b) in relation to orchard replant problems
3. *Plant Material*  
Examination of a sample (a) for plant disorders  
(b) for fertiliser requirements of crops or grass  
(c) in relation to fruit storage problems
4. *Water Samples: Chemical Examination*  
Examination of a sample for (a) suitability for irrigation  
(b) livestock, dairying and other uses
5. *Manure, Effluents and Liquid Feeds for Glasshouse Crops*  
Examination of a sample for (a) manurial value of liquid feed  
(b) manurial value of organic manures, slurries or sewages  
(c) waste disposal
6. *Trace Element Analysis*
7. *Hygiene, Taints, Antibiotics*  
Examination of a sample of human food, or associated material produced on the applicant's farm
8. *Disinfection Materials*  
Examination of a sample for chemical content
9. *Milk and Milk Products*  
General analysis of a sample
10. *Feedingstuffs*  
Examination of a sample for feeding value or mineral content
11. *Post-Mortem Examinations*
12. *Blood Tests*
13. *Standard Tests for Named Diseases*
14. *Examinations of* (a) faeces  
(b) rectal swabs  
(c) urine, pus, scrapings
15. Preparation and provision of plans, specifications and estimated costs for a field drainage scheme
16. Other services required in connection with the management or farming of agricultural land.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, made under section 103(1) of the Agriculture Act 1947, gives effect to a Scheme, set out in Schedule 2 to the Order, under which the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food may, upon payment to him of the appropriate charge, provide testing, analytical, diagnostic and other services required by persons managing or farming agricultural land.

The Order revokes the Agricultural Goods and Services Scheme (England and Wales) Order 1956 (S.I. 1956/142), and the Orders amending it.

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