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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1978 No. 446**

**AGRICULTURE**

**The Agriculture Act 1947 (Amendment) Regulations 1978**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>17th March 1978</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>29th March 1978</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>19th April 1978</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in exercise of the powers vested in him by section 7(1) and (2)(a) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and after consultation with such organisations as appear to him appropriate as representing any interests concerned, hereby makes the following regulations:—

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Agriculture Act 1947 (Amendment) Regulations 1978 and shall come into operation on 19th April 1978.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

**Amendment of Act**

2. The Agriculture Act 1947 shall be amended as follows:—

(1) in section 109(3) (interpretation), in the definition of “allotment garden”, for the words “forty poles” there shall be substituted the words “0.10 hectare”;

(2) in paragraph 3(1)(b) of Schedule 2 (assessment of compensation where land ploughed up in pursuance of a direction), for the word “acre” in each place where the same occurs there shall be substituted the word “hectare”.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 17th March 1978.

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*John Silkin*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations, which come into force on 19th April 1978, amend section 109(3) of, and paragraph 3(1)(b) of Schedule 2 to, the Agriculture Act 1947 by substituting for references therein to areas expressed in imperial units references to areas expressed in metric units. The effect of the substitutions is (a) in section 109(3), relating to the definition of an allotment garden, to reduce slightly the maximum area of land which can constitute an allotment garden for the purpose of that Act, and which consequently cannot be designated as agricultural land (the metric equivalent of one-quarter acre being 0.1012 hectare), and (b) in paragraph 3(1)(b) of Schedule 2, to change the terminology.