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**The Agriculture (Closure of Grant Schemes) (England)
Regulations 2000**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	<i>31st January 2000</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>4th February 2000</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>		<i>1st March 2000</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, being a Minister designated^(a) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972^(b) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the Economic Community and as regards measures relating to promotion of rural development, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by that section and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Title, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Agriculture (Closure of Grant Schemes) (England) Regulations 2000 and shall come into force on 1st March 2000.

(2) These Regulations extend to England only.

Closure of scheme for processing and marketing grants

2. The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food shall not accept any further applications for the approval of expenditure under the Agricultural Processing and Marketing Grant Regulations 1995^(c).

Closure of scheme for rural development grants

3. The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food shall not accept any further applications for the approval of operations under the Rural Development Grants (Agriculture) (No. 2) Regulations 1995^(d).

31st January 2000

Elliot Morley
Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

(a) S.I. 1972/1811; S.I. 1995/751.

(b) 1972 c. 68.

(c) S.I. 1995/362.

(d) S.I. 1995/2202; amended by S.I. 1996/2394.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which come into force on 1st March 2000 and extend only to England, close to further applications two schemes under which grants may be made for agricultural purposes. The Regulations establishing these schemes supplemented Community legislation which is now repealed subject to certain transitional provisions.

The first scheme is that which was established by the Agricultural Processing and Marketing Grant Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/362) and enables grants to be made towards investments or projects which fulfil objectives relating to improving the processing and marketing conditions of agricultural products.

The second scheme is that which was established under the Rural Development Grants (Agricultural) (No. 2) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/2202) as amended by the Rural Development Grants (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/2394), and enables grants to be made towards operations which promote rural development by facilitating the development and structural adjustment of certain rural areas.

No Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared in respect of these Regulations.

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