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PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE

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AGRICULTURE BILL

NOTE

This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end. The amendments have been arranged in accordance with the Order of the Committee [11 February 2020].

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 Luke Pollard
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Clause **13**, page **11**, line **8**, leave out subsection (4) and insert—

- “(4) Regulations under this section shall make provision for circumstances in which an eligible person may receive a lump sum under this section.
 - (4A) The circumstances under subsection (4) shall include a commitment by the eligible person to use the lump sum to—
 - (a) make a change or changes to practice in managing land in such a way as to deliver one or more of the purposes under section 1(1) or 1(2); or
 - (b) make land available to other persons or bodies who undertake to manage the land in such a way as to deliver one or more of the purposes under section 1(1) or 1(2).”
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 Agriculture Bill, *continued*

Victoria Prentis

43

Clause 14, page 11, line 45, leave out “any”

Member’s explanatory statement

This drafting amendment removes an unnecessary word from clause 14(3) for consistency with other similar provisions of the Bill.

Fiona Bruce
Julian Sturdy
Neil Parish
Derek Thomas
Philip Dunne
Simon Hoare

Tim Farron
Luke Pollard
Thangam Debbonaire

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Ruth Jones

Daniel Zeichner
Dr Alan Whitehead

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Clause 17, page 14, line 20, leave out “five years” and insert “year”

Simon Hoare
Tracey Crouch

10

Clause 17, page 14, line 21, after “of”, insert “, and a response to,”

Daniel Zeichner
Luke Pollard
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

75

Clause 17, page 14, line 25, at end insert—

“(aa) the impact of food production upon global resource sustainability (including global carbon emissions, impacts on biodiversity and water usage);”

Daniel Zeichner
Luke Pollard
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

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Clause 17, page 14, line 27, at end insert—

(ba) food poverty and progress towards achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goal on hunger, malnutrition and food poverty (SDG 2);”

Agriculture Bill, continued

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Kerry McCarthy
 Helen Hayes
 Sarah Champion
 Preet Kaur Gill
 Mr Clive Betts

Rosie Cooper
 Mohammad Yasin
 Daniel Zeichner
 Dr Alan Whitehead

Stephen Kinnock
 Daisy Cooper
 Luke Pollard
 Thangam Debbonaire

Kate Green
 David Linden
 Ruth Jones
 Mrs Sharon Hodgson

62

Clause 17, page 14, line 32, at end insert—

“(f) food insecurity.

- (3) For the purposes of this section “food insecurity” means a person’s state in which consistent access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources at times during the year.
- (4) Before laying a report under subsection (1) the Secretary of State must—
 - (a) consult the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers, the relevant Northern Ireland department, and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate, and
 - (b) have due regard to international best practice on food insecurity, including but not limited to the United States Household Food Security Survey.
- (5) A report under subsection (1) must include—
 - (a) an assessment of trends in food insecurity, broken down by different parts of the United Kingdom and different regions of England, and
 - (b) a summary of actions to be taken in areas of high food insecurity by the UK Government, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government or the Northern Ireland Executive.
- (6) The Secretary of State must consult the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers and the relevant Northern Ireland department before preparing a report under subsection (1).
- (7) In this section—

“parts of the United Kingdom” means—

 - (a) England,
 - (b) Scotland,
 - (c) Wales, and
 - (d) Northern Ireland;

“regions of England” has the same meaning as that used by the Office for National Statistics.”

 Agriculture Bill, *continued*

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

77

Clause 27, page 22, line 4, leave out lines 4 to 7 and insert —

- “(1) The Secretary of State must, before the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, make regulations—
- (a) imposing obligations on all business purchasers of agricultural products in relation to contracts they make for the purchase of agricultural products from all qualifying sellers;”

Deidre Brock
 Dave Doogan

19

Clause 27, page 22, line 9, at end insert—

- “(1A) Regulations under this section containing provision that extends to Scotland may be made only with the consent of the Scottish Ministers.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would require that regulations containing provisions that extend to Scotland may be made only with the consent of the Scottish Ministers.

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

78

Clause 27, page 22, line 11, after “fair” insert “dealing and fair”

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

79

Clause 27, page 22, line 12, at end insert—

- “(2A) The Secretary of State may also make regulations for the purpose set out in subsection (2) in relation to the purchase of agricultural products in one or more of the sectors listed in Schedule 1 by business purchasers from qualifying sellers.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that there is an overarching requirement for fair dealing across the whole agricultural industry, with the ability to develop sector specific regulations to address any particular areas of unfair practice.

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

82

Clause 27, page 23, line 15, leave out “a specified person” and insert “the Groceries Code Adjudicator”

Agriculture Bill, *continued*

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

83

Clause 27, page 23, line 23, at end insert—

“(8A) The Groceries Code Adjudicator Act 2013 is amended, by inserting after section 2 (Arbitration)—

“2A Fair dealing: determination of complaints alleging non-compliance

- (1) If a complaint relating to alleged non-compliance is referred to the Adjudicator under section 27(8)(a) of the Agriculture Act 2020, the Adjudicator must determine the complaint.
- (2) In determining any allegation of non-compliance under subsection (1), the Adjudicator must act in accordance with any regulations made under subsection (1) of section 27 of the Agriculture Act 2020 which make provision for investigation of complaints, imposition of penalties or a requirement to pay compensation, as specified by subsection (8) of section 27 of that Act.”

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

80

Clause 27, page 23, line 25, after “any” insert “competent and appropriate”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that the role of regulating agricultural contracts is given to a body which is competent to undertake qualitative assessments; for example, the Groceries Code Adjudicator’s office.

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

81

Clause 27, page 23, line 26, after “provide for a” insert “competent and appropriate”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that the role of regulating agricultural contracts is given to a body which is competent to undertake qualitative assessments; for example, the Groceries Code Adjudicator’s office.

 Agriculture Bill, *continued*

- Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan
- 20
- Clause 27, page 23, line 27, at end insert—
- “(10A) Before making regulations under this section, the Secretary of State must consult persons—
- (a) who are representative of—
 - (i) qualifying sellers of, or
 - (ii) business purchasers of,
 the agricultural products to which the regulations will apply, or
 - (b) who may otherwise be affected by the regulations.”
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- Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan
- 21
- Clause 28, page 23, line 42, leave out “to the Secretary of State”
- Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan
- 22
- Clause 28, page 24, line 12, leave out “to the Secretary of State”
- Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan
- 23
- Clause 28, page 24, line 20, leave out “to the Secretary of State”
- Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan
- 24
- Clause 28, page 24, line 38, at end insert—
- “(6A) An application under subsection (1), (3) or (5) is to be made to and determined by—
- (a) the appropriate authority for the part of the United Kingdom in which the applicant has its registered office or principal place of business, or
 - (b) where the applicant is made up of producers, producer organisations or, as the case may be, businesses operating in more than one part of the United Kingdom, the appropriate authority for any of those parts.”
- Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan
- 25
- Clause 28, page 25, line 5, leave out “The Secretary of State” and insert “The appropriate authority to which an application is made under this section”

Agriculture Bill, continued

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

26

Clause 28, page 25, line 24, at end insert—

““appropriate authority” means—

- (a) in relation to England, Wales or Northern Ireland, the Secretary of State,
- (b) in relation to Scotland, the Scottish Ministers;”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment, together with Amendment 25 would require organisations of agricultural producers, associations of recognised producer organisations, and organisations of agricultural businesses to apply for recognition to the appropriate authority in the country of the UK where the applicant is principally based.

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

27

Clause 29, page 26, line 9, leave out “the Secretary of State” and insert “an appropriate authority (within the meaning given in section 28(13))”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would require the delegation of functions to require permission from the appropriate authority.

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

28

Clause 30, page 26, line 16, leave out “the Secretary of State” and insert “an appropriate authority (within the meaning given in section 28(13))”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would allow regulations to give the power to delegate functions to be made by an appropriate authority.

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

29

Clause 30, page 26, line 29, at end insert—

“(2A) Regulations under section 28 or 29 containing provision that extends to Scotland may be made only with the consent of the Scottish Ministers.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that regulations under section 28 or 29 containing provision that extend to Scotland may be made only with the consent of Scottish Ministers

Agriculture Bill, continued

Victoria Prentis

51

Clause 31, page 28, line 48, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”

Member’s explanatory statement

Section 2 of the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (2020 anaw 1) changes the name of the Welsh legislature to “Senedd Cymru or the Welsh Parliament”. This amendment and Amendments 52 to 61 are consequential amendments and they follow the new practice in the English language version of devolved Welsh legislation of using the Welsh name only when referring to the Welsh legislature.

Victoria Prentis

89

Clause 32, page 30, line 5, after “England” insert “or Wales”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment treats Wales in the same way as England in terms of the future application of section 8(1)(a) of the Animal Health Act 1981, once the provisions of European law mentioned in clause 32(3) and (4) cease to apply in England and Wales.

Victoria Prentis

90

Clause 32, page 30, line 7, leave out “Wales or”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 89

Victoria Prentis

91

Clause 32, page 30, line 10, leave out from “under” to end of line and insert “subsection (1)(a) made by the Secretary of State or the Welsh Ministers”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment limits the proposition inserted in section 8 of the Animal Health Act 1981 by clause 32(2)(b) to provision made under section 8(1)(a) about the means of identifying animals. It also secures that the Welsh Ministers, as well as the Secretary of State, can make provision under section 8(1)(a) that binds the Crown.

Victoria Prentis

92

Clause 32, page 30, line 16, after “England” insert “or Wales”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment alters the words inserted in Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 by clause 32(3) in order to treat Wales in the same way as England in disapplying Title 1 of that Regulation.

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Victoria Prentis

93

Clause 32, page 30, line 16, at end insert “, and

(b) in Article 22 (compliance)—

(i) in paragraph 1 at the end insert—

“The fourth, fifth and sixth subparagraphs do not apply in relation to England or Wales.”, and

(ii) in paragraph 2 at the end insert—

“This paragraph does not apply in relation to England or Wales.””

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment makes changes to Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 which are consequential on the disapplication by clause 32(3) of Title 1 of that Regulation in relation to England and Wales.

Victoria Prentis

94

Clause 32, page 30, line 21, at end insert “or Wales”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment alters the words inserted in Council Regulation (EC) No 21/2004 in order to treat Wales in the same way as England in disapplying that Regulation.

 Deidre Brock
 Dave Doogan

30

Clause 33, page 31, line 32, at end insert—

“(10) The first scheme under this section must come into force no later than 1 April 2021.”

 Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

87

Schedule 3, page 50, line 15, leave out “may” and insert “must”

 Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

88

Schedule 3, page 50, leave out lines 27 to 29 and insert “the landlord’s consent to a matter on which the landlord’s consent is required,”

 Agriculture Bill, *continued*

Victoria Prentis

- 57
- Schedule 3, page 51, line 37, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”
Member’s explanatory statement
See the explanatory statement for Amendment 51.

Victoria Prentis

- 58
- Schedule 3, page 54, line 9, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”
Member’s explanatory statement
See the explanatory statement for Amendment 51.

Victoria Prentis

- 59
- Schedule 3, page 54, line 14, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”
Member’s explanatory statement
See the explanatory statement for Amendment 51.

Victoria Prentis

- 60
- Schedule 3, page 54, line 19, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”
Member’s explanatory statement
See the explanatory statement for Amendment 51.

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

- 85
- Schedule 3, page 55, line 20, at end insert—
 “(1A) In subsection (1) leave out “section” and insert “sections 28A and”.”

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

- 86
- Schedule 3, page 55, line 31, at end insert—
 “26A After section 28 insert—
“28A Disputes relating to requests for landlord’s consent or variation of terms
 (1) Subsection (2) applies where a tenant under a farm business tenancy has made a request to a landlord for the purposes of—
 (a) enabling the tenant to request or apply for relevant financial assistance or relevant financial assistance of a description specified in regulations under subsection (2), or

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- (b) complying with a statutory duty, or a statutory duty of a description specified in regulations under subsection (2), applicable to the tenant,
and the request meets such other conditions (if any) as may be specified in regulations under subsection (2).
- (2) The appropriate authority may by regulations make provision for a tenant under a farm business tenancy to refer for arbitration under the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 a request under subsection (1) if no agreement has been reached with the landlord on the request.
- (3) Subsections (2) and (4) to (6) of section 19A of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 (as inserted by paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 to the Agriculture Act 2020) shall apply to any regulations made under subsection (2) of this section.
- (4) In this section—
“appropriate authority” means—
 (a) in relation to England, the Secretary of State, and
 (b) in relation to Wales, the Welsh Ministers;
 “relevant financial assistance” means financial assistance under—
 (a) section 1 of the Agriculture Act 2020 (powers of Secretary of State to give financial assistance),
 (b) section 19 of, or paragraph 7 of Schedule 5 to, that Act (powers of Secretary of State and Welsh Ministers to give financial assistance in exceptional market conditions), or
 (c) a scheme of the sort mentioned in section 2(4) of that Act (third party schemes);
 “statutory duty” means a duty imposed by or under—
 (a) an Act of Parliament;
 (b) an Act or Measure of Senedd Cymru;
 (c) retained direct EU legislation.””

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

84

Clause 35, page 31, line 38, leave out “may” and insert “must”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would make it a duty for the Secretary of State to make regulations as to labelling as to method of production.

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Victoria Prentis

- 52**
- Clause 37, page 35, line 15, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”
Member’s explanatory statement
See the explanatory statement for Amendment 51.

Victoria Prentis

- 53**
- Clause 37, page 35, line 16, leave out “that Assembly” and insert “the Senedd”
Member’s explanatory statement
See the explanatory statement for Amendment 51.

Deidre Brock
 Dave Doogan

- 31**
- Clause 40, page 36, line 20, at end insert—
 “(1A) Regulations under this section containing provision that extends to Scotland may be made only with the consent of the Scottish Ministers.”
Member’s explanatory statement
This amendment would require that the power to make regulations extending to Scotland can only be exercised with the consent of Scottish Ministers.

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

- 99**
- ★ Clause 40, page 36, line 20, at end insert—
 “(1A) No regulations may be made under this section unless the Secretary of State has consulted each devolved authority on a draft of the regulations.”

Deidre Brock
 Dave Doogan

- 32**
- Clause 42, page 38, line 17, leave out from “support” to end of line 19
Member’s explanatory statement
This amendment would remove the role of the Secretary of State as final arbiter in dispute resolution.

 Agriculture Bill, *continued*

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

33

Clause 42, page 38, line 20, leave out subsections (4) and (5)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would remove the requirement to provide information to the Secretary of State.

Victoria Prentis

65

Schedule 5, page 58, line 18, leave out from “scheme” to end of line 20 and insert “, so far as it operates in relation to Wales, for or in connection with making changes the Welsh Ministers consider would serve any one or more of the following purposes—

- (a) simplifying the administration of the scheme or otherwise making its operation more efficient or effective;
- (b) removing provisions which are spent or of no practical utility;
- (c) removing or reducing burdens, or the overall burdens, on persons applying for, or entitled to, direct payments under the scheme or otherwise improving the way that the scheme operates in relation to them;
- (d) securing that any sanction or penalty imposed under the scheme is appropriate and proportionate;
- (e) limiting the application of the scheme to land in Wales only.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and Amendments 66 and 67 amend the powers of the Welsh Ministers to make regulations modifying legislation governing the basic payment scheme in relation to Wales. The amendments take account of changes to clause 9, which confers similar powers on the Secretary of State in relation to England.

Victoria Prentis

66

Schedule 5, page 58, line 23, leave out from “Wales” to end of line 24 and insert “so long as that provision does not reduce the amount of a direct payment to which a person would have been entitled had the provision not been made.”

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 65.

Victoria Prentis

67

Schedule 5, page 58, line 24, at end insert—

“(2A) In this paragraph, “burden” includes—

- (a) a financial cost;
- (b) an administrative inconvenience;
- (c) an obstacle to efficiency, productivity or profitability.”

Member's explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 65.

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Victoria Prentis

68

Schedule 5, page 59, line 12, after “modify” insert “the following legislation so far as it operates in relation to Wales”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment and Amendments 69 to 73 amend the powers of the Welsh Ministers to make regulations modifying certain legislation governing payments to farmers and others as it operates in relation to Wales. The amendments take account of changes to clause 14, which confers similar powers on the Secretary of State in relation to England.

Victoria Prentis

69

Schedule 5, page 59, line 16, leave out “the purpose of” and insert “or in connection with making changes that the Welsh Ministers consider would serve any one or more of the following purposes”

Member’s explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 68.

Victoria Prentis

70

Schedule 5, page 59, line 18, leave out “in relation to Wales, or”

Member’s explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 68.

Victoria Prentis

71

Schedule 5, page 59, line 19, leave out paragraph (b) and insert—

- “(b) simplifying the operation of any provision of such legislation, or making its operation more efficient or effective;
- (c) removing or reducing burdens, or the overall burdens, imposed by such legislation on persons applying for, or in receipt of, payments governed by the legislation, or otherwise improving the way that the legislation operates in relation to such persons;
- (d) securing that any sanction or penalty imposed by such legislation is appropriate and proportionate.”

Member’s explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 68.

Victoria Prentis

72

Schedule 5, page 59, line 21, after “paragraph” insert “—

“burden” includes—

- (a) a financial cost;
- (b) an administrative inconvenience;
- (c) an obstacle to efficiency, productivity or profitability;”

Member’s explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 68.

Agriculture Bill, *continued*

Victoria Prentis

73

Schedule 5, page 59, line 26, at end insert—

“(c) the legacy regulations.

(3A) In sub-paragraph (3), the “legacy regulations” means retained direct EU legislation relating to the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy that preceded Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 and includes—

- (a) Council Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the financing of the common agricultural policy;
- (b) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1975/2006 of 7 December 2006 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, as regards the implementation of control procedures as well as cross-compliance in respect of rural development support measures;
- (c) Commission Regulation (EU) No 65/2011 of 27 January 2011 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, as regards the implementation of control procedures as well as cross-compliance in respect of rural development support measures.”

Member’s explanatory statement*See the explanatory statement for Amendment 68.*

Victoria Prentis

61

Schedule 5, page 61, line 30, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”

Member’s explanatory statement*See the explanatory statement for Amendment 51.*

Victoria Prentis

54

Clause 47, page 41, line 3, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”

Member’s explanatory statement*See the explanatory statement for Amendment 51.*

Victoria Prentis

55

Clause 47, page 41, line 16, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”

Member’s explanatory statement*See the explanatory statement for Amendment 51.*

 Agriculture Bill, *continued*

Victoria Prentis

- 56
- Clause 48, page 41, line 46, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”
Member’s explanatory statement
See the explanatory statement for Amendment 51.
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Victoria Prentis

- 95
- Clause 50, page 42, line 31, at end insert—
 “(ia) section 32(3) and (4), so far as relating to Wales,”
Member’s explanatory statement
This amendment makes the Welsh Ministers responsible for making provision under clause 50 in connection with clauses 32(3) and (4) as they apply in relation to Wales.
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Victoria Prentis

- 96
- Clause 53, page 43, line 35, leave out paragraph (c)
Member’s explanatory statement
This amendment removes clause 53(2)(c) which is superseded by the words proposed to be inserted in clause 53(2)(d) by Amendment 97.

Luke Pollard
 Daniel Zeichner
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

- 41
- Clause 53, page 43, line 35, at end insert—
 “(ca) section [Sow farrowing stalls],”
Member’s explanatory statement
See explanatory statement for NC12.

Victoria Prentis

- 97
- Clause 53, page 43, line 36, at end insert—
 “(ia) section 32(3) and (4),”
Member’s explanatory statement
This amendment limits the Secretary of State’s power to commence clause 32(3) and (4) to those provisions as they apply in relation to England.

 Agriculture Bill, *continued*

Victoria Prentis

98

Clause 53, page 44, line 3, at end insert—
“(ia) section 32(3) and (4),”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment makes the Welsh Ministers responsible for commencing clauses 32(3) and (4) as they apply in relation to Wales.

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

NC1

To move the following Clause—

“Import of agricultural goods

- (1) Agricultural goods may be imported into the UK only if the standards to which those goods were produced were as high as, or higher than, standards which at the time of import applied under UK law relating to—
 - (a) animal welfare,
 - (b) protection of the environment, and
 - (c) food safety.
- (2) “Agricultural goods”, for the purposes of this section, means—
 - (a) any livestock within the meaning of section 1(5),
 - (b) any plants or seeds, within the meaning of section 22(6),
 - (c) any product derived from livestock, plants or seeds.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would set a requirement for imported agricultural goods to meet animal welfare, environmental and food safety standards which are at least as high as those which apply to UK produced agricultural goods.

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

NC2

To move the following Clause—

“Annual assessment of funding for purposes

- (1) The Secretary of State must report on financial assistance for each purpose listed in section 1.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must be made for each financial year and must be laid before both Houses of Parliament no later than 31 October in the financial year following the financial year to which the report relates.

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- (3) The first report shall be made by 31 October 2021 and shall relate to financial assistance in the 2020-21 financial year.
- (4) A report under this section must record, on the basis of best data available—
 - (a) the total sum of financial assistance for each purpose in section 1,
 - (b) the source of any element of financial assistance under subparagraph (a) which comes from public funds, and
 - (c) the sums from each source under subparagraph (b).
- (5) The Secretary of State must include in each report under this section—
 - (a) a statement of their opinion on whether any sum recorded under subsection (4)(a) is sufficient to meet their policy objectives in relation to each purpose; and (b) a statement of the Secretary of State’s intentions if, in their opinion, a sum recorded under subsection (4)(a) was not sufficient to meet their policy objectives in relation to a purpose.
- (6) For the purposes of this section, “financial assistance” means financial assistance either allocated or given in any form listed in section 2(1).”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to report annually on the financial assistance given or allocated to each of the purposes of the Bill, on its sufficiency to meet policy objectives and on the Secretary of State’s intentions if in their opinion funding for any purpose was not sufficient.

Bill Wiggin

NC3

To move the following Clause—

“Definition of grass-fed products

- (1) Regulations under section 35(1) shall enable the provision described in subsection (2) of this section.
- (2) A product which is partly or wholly derived from an animal may only be described as grass-fed if the animal or animals have eaten only grass and pasture throughout their lifetime, with the exception of milk consumed by youngstock prior to weaning.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), “pasture” includes—
 - (a) permanent pasture and long and short term leys which may be part of a mixed farming system, and
 - (b) hay, silage derived from grass not grain, forage and naturally occurring vegetation in the grassland including legumes and other forbs, and woody species.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would protect the definition of grass-fed, certifying that livestock and food products labelled as grass-fed are fully raised on pasture.

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Simon Hoare
 Mrs Sheryll Murray
 Rob Roberts
 Dr Neil Hudson
 Sir Roger Gale
 Cherilyn Mackrory

Stephen Farry
 Dr Dan Poulter
 Mr William Wragg
 Kate Griffiths

Kerry McCarthy
 Fiona Bruce
 Andrew Selous

Gordon Henderson
 Julian Sturdy
 Derek Thomas

NC4

To move the following Clause—

“Import of agricultural goods after IP completion day

- (1) After IP completion day, agricultural goods imported under a free trade agreement may be imported into the UK only if the standards to which those goods were produced were as high as, or higher than, standards which at the time of import applied under UK law relating to—
 - (a) animal welfare,
 - (b) protection of the environment,
 - (c) food safety, hygiene and traceability, and
 - (d) plant health.
- (2) The Secretary of State must prepare a register of UK production standards, to be updated annually, to which goods imported under subsection (1) would have to adhere.
- (3) “Agricultural goods” for the purposes of this section, mean—
 - (a) any livestock within the meaning of section 1(5),
 - (b) any plants or seeds, within the meaning of section 22(6),
 - (c) any product derived from livestock, plants or seeds.
- (4) “IP completion day” has the meaning given in section 39 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020.”

Kerry McCarthy

NC5

To move the following Clause—

“Smallholdings estates

- (1) Every smallholdings authority which immediately before the commencement of Part 1 of this Act holds any land for the purposes of smallholdings shall review the authority’s smallholdings estate and shall, before the end of the period of eighteen months beginning with the commencement of Part 1 of this Act, submit to the Minister proposals with respect to the future management of that estate for the purposes of providing—
 - (a) opportunities for persons to be farmers on their own account;
 - (b) education or experience in environmental land management practices;
 - (c) opportunities for increasing public access to the natural environment and understanding of sustainable farming; and
 - (d) opportunities for innovation in sustainable land management practices.

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- (2) For the purposes of this section, “smallholdings authority” has the same meaning as in section 38 of the Agriculture Act 1970.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would require local authorities to review their smallholdings and submit proposals for future management to provide opportunities to extend access to farming, education, and innovation.

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

NC6

To move the following Clause—

“Quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs

- (1) Subsection (2) applies to any function of the Secretary of State under—
 - (a) Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs (“the EU Regulation”),
 - (b) the delegated and implementing Regulations,
 - (c) any regulations made by the Secretary of State under the EU Regulation, and
 - (d) any regulations made under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 relating to the enforcement of the EU Regulation or the delegated and implementing Regulations.
 - (2) The Secretary of State may exercise the function only with the consent of the Scottish Ministers.
 - (3) In subsection (1), the “delegated and implementing Regulations” means—
 - (a) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 664/2014 supplementing the EU Regulation with regard to the establishment of Union symbols for protected designations of origin, protected geographical indications and traditional specialities guaranteed and with regard to certain rules on sourcing, certain procedural rules and certain additional transitional rules,
 - (b) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 665/2014 supplementing the EU Regulation with regard to conditions of use of the quality term “mountain product”, and
 - (c) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 668/2014 laying down rules for the application of the EU Regulation.
 - (4) The references in subsection (1) to the EU Regulation and the delegated and implementing Regulations are to those instruments—
 - (a) as they have effect in domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, and
 - (b) as amended from time to time whether by virtue of that Act or otherwise.”
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Agriculture Bill, *continued*

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

NC7

To move the following Clause—

“International trade agreements: agricultural and food products

- (1) A Minister of the Crown may not lay a copy of an international trade agreement before Parliament under section 20(1) of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 unless the agreement—
- (a) includes an affirmation of the United Kingdom’s rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement, and
 - (b) prohibits the importation into the United Kingdom of agricultural and food products in relation to which the relevant standards are lower than the relevant standards in the United Kingdom.
- (2) In subsection (1)—
- “international trade agreement” means—
 - (a) an agreement that is or was notifiable under—
 - (i) paragraph 7(a) of Article XXIV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, part of Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement (as modified from time to time), or
 - (ii) paragraph 7(a) of Article V of the General Agreement on Trade in Services, part of Annex 1B to the WTO Agreement (as modified from time to time), or
 - (b) an international agreement that mainly relates to trade, other than an agreement mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii);
 - “Minister of the Crown” has the same meaning as in the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975;
 - “relevant standards” means standards relating to environmental protection, plant health and animal welfare applying in connection with the production of agricultural and food products;
 - “SPS Agreement” means the agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, part of Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement (as modified from time to time);
 - “WTO Agreement” means the agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation signed at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would ensure that HMG has a duty to protect the quality of the domestic food supply by ensuring that imported foodstuffs are held to the same standards as domestic foodstuffs are held to.

Agriculture Bill, *continued*

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

NC8

To move the following Clause—

“Agricultural payments to the Scottish Ministers

After exit day, the Secretary of State must make available to the Scottish Ministers each year sums which are at least equivalent to the sums made available to the Scottish Ministers in the year prior to exit day for the purpose of expenditure under—

- (a) the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund, and
 - (b) the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development,
- (both established under Article 3 of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy).”
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Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

NC9

To move the following Clause—

“Duty and regulations governing agricultural and horticultural activity

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to establish a regulatory framework relating to agricultural and horticultural activity for or in connection with the following purposes—
 - (a) the management of land or water in a way that protects or improves the environment;
 - (b) public access to and enjoyment of the countryside, farmland or woodland and better understanding of the environment;
 - (c) the management of land or water in a way that maintains, restores or enhances cultural or natural heritage;
 - (d) the management of land, water or livestock in a way that mitigates or adapts to climate change;
 - (e) the management of land or water in a way that prevents, reduces or protects from environmental hazards;
 - (f) the protection or improvement of the health or welfare of livestock;
 - (g) the conservation of native livestock, native equines or genetic resources relating to any such animal;
 - (h) the protection or improvement of the health of plants;
 - (i) the conservation of plants grown or used in carrying on an agricultural, horticultural or forestry activity, their wild relatives or genetic resources relating to any such plant; and
 - (j) the protection or improvement of the quality of soil.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must include provision about the standards to which activity for or in connection with all of the purposes in subsection (1) must conform.

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- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may include provision about enforcement, which may (among other things) include provision—
- (a) about the provision of information;
 - (b) conferring powers of entry;
 - (c) conferring powers of inspection, search and seizure;
 - (d) about the keeping of records;
 - (e) imposing monetary penalties;
 - (f) creating summary offences punishable with a fine (or a fine not exceeding an amount specified in the regulations, which must not exceed level 4 on the standard scale);
 - (g) about appeals;
 - (h) conferring functions (including functions involving the exercise of a discretion) on a person.
- (4) Regulations under this section are subject to affirmative resolution procedure.

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire
Deidre Brock

NC10

To move the following Clause—

“Import of foie gras

- (1) Foie gras may not be imported into the UK.
- (2) “Foie gras”, for the purposes of this section, shall mean a product derived from the liver of any goose or duck which has been force-fed for the purpose of enlarging its liver.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would prohibit the import of foie gras into the UK.

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

NC11

To move the following Clause—

“Whistleblowing: standards in abattoirs

- (1) The Food Standards Act 1999 is amended as follows.

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(2) After section 20 insert—

“20A Whistleblowing: standards in abattoirs

- (1) The Agency shall establish a method by which a person can make a qualified disclosure under section 43B(1) of the Employment Rights Act 1996 (as inserted by the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998) to the Agency.
- (2) A qualified disclosure under subsection (1) may relate to any act which, in the reasonable belief of the person making the disclosure, tends to show that an offence has been committed, is being committed or is likely to be committed in England, Wales or Northern Ireland under—
 - (a) any of paragraphs 3 to 32 of Schedule 1 (additional requirements for slaughterhouses) to the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (England) Regulations 2015 (S.I., No. 1782),
 - (b) any of paragraphs 3 to 32 of Schedule 1 (additional requirements for slaughterhouses) to the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (Wales) Regulations 2014 (S.I., No. 951 (W. 92)),
 - (c) any of paragraphs 3 to 32 of Schedule 1 (additional requirements for slaughterhouses) to the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (Northern Ireland Statutory Rules 2014 No. 107), or
 - (d) any of sections 4, 5 or 7 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006, in relation to livestock.
- (3) The Agency shall take steps to promote awareness of the method established under subsection (1).
- (4) The Agency may share with an enforcement authority (within the meaning of section 15(2) of this Act) information received under a qualified disclosure.
- (5) “Livestock” shall, for the purposes of this section, have the meaning given in section 1(5) of the Agriculture Act 2020.””

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Food Standards Agency to set up and publicise a channel for whistleblowing about conduct in abattoirs.

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Luke Pollard
 Daniel Zeichner
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

NC12

To move the following Clause—

“Sow farrowing stalls

Sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 6 of the Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2007 shall be omitted.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause and Amendments 40 and 41 would end the use of sow farrowing crates (subject to a delayed commencement) and add improving the standard of accommodation for farrowing sows to the purposes for financial assistance in Clause 1.

Luke Pollard
 Daniel Zeichner
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

NC13

To move the following Clause—

“Livestock farming practices: research

- (1) The Secretary of State must—
 - (a) conduct,
 - (b) commission, or
 - (c) assist the conduct of
 research into the impact on animal welfare of highly intensive livestock farming practices in England.
- (2) The Secretary of State, in assisting in the conduct of research under subsection (1)(c), must—
 - (a) provide financial assistance, and
 - (b) make available the services of any person or other resources.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to conduct or commission research into the impact on animal welfare of highly intensive livestock farming practices in England.

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Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

NC14

To move the following Clause—

“Livestock farming practices: duty to promote research

The Secretary of State must promote the conduct of research into the impact on animal welfare of highly intensive livestock farming practices in England.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to promote the conduct of research into the impact on animal welfare of highly intensive livestock farming practices in England.

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

NC15

To move the following Clause—

“Grouse shooting and management: review and consultation

- (1) The Secretary of State must—
 - (a) commission an independent review of the economic, environmental and wildlife impacts of driven grouse shooting, and
 - (b) consult on regulation of grouse moor management.
- (2) The Secretary of State must make available the services of any person or other resources to assist in the conduct of a review under subsection (1)(a).
- (3) The Secretary of State must publish a summary of responses to the consultation under sub-section (1)(b).
- (4) The Secretary of State must, no later than three months from the day on which—
 - (a) the review commissioned under subsection (1)(a) is received, or
 - (b) the consultation under subsection (2) closes,
 whichever is the sooner, publish a statement of future policy on grouse shooting and grouse moor management.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to commission a review of the economic, environmental and wildlife impacts of driven grouse shooting and publish proposals for regulation.

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Luke Pollard
 Daniel Zeichner
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

NC16

To move the following Clause—

“Grouse shooting and management: review and consultation (No. 2)

- (1) The Secretary of State must—
 - (a) undertake a review of the economic, environmental and wildlife impacts of driven grouse shooting, and
 - (b) consult on regulation of grouse moor management.
- (2) The Secretary of State must publish a summary of responses to the consultation under sub-section (1)(b).
- (3) The Secretary of State must, no later than three months from the day on which the consultation under subsection (2) closes, publish a statement of future policy on grouse shooting and grouse moor management.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to conduct a review of the economic, environmental and wildlife impacts of driven grouse shooting and publish proposals for regulation.

Deidre Brock
 Dave Doogan

NC17

To move the following Clause—

“Report on agricultural payments to the Scottish Ministers

- (1) The Secretary of State must, no later than one month before IP completion day, lay before Parliament a statement of his or her policy on whether sums will be made available to Scottish Ministers each year after IP completion day which are at least equivalent to the sums made available to Scottish Ministers in the year prior to IP completion day for the purpose of expenditure under—
 - (a) the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund, and
 - (b) the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development as established under Article 3 of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy.
 - (2) “IP completion day” shall have the meaning given in section 39 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020.”
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Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

NC18

To move the following Clause—

“Financial assistance: duty to provide advice

- (1) The Secretary of State must make regulations to secure the provision of training, guidance and advice to persons receiving financial assistance under this Act, for the purpose of enabling those persons to deliver the purpose or purposes for which the financial assistance is given.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may include provision for advice on matters which include but are not limited to—
 - (a) the impact of any practice upon the environment,
 - (b) business management, including the development of business plans,
 - (c) the health and welfare of livestock,
 - (d) the safety and health of workers in any agricultural sector,
 - (e) innovation, including alternative methods of pest, disease and weed control,
 - (f) food safety, insofar as it relates to the production of food or any activity in, or in close connection with, an agri-food supply chain,
 - (g) the operation of any mechanism for applying for, or receiving, financial assistance under this Act, and
 - (h) marketing of any product falling within an agricultural sector under Schedule 1.
- (3) Regulations under this section are subject to affirmative resolution procedure.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to make provision for training, guidance and advice to be made available to persons receiving financial assistance.

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

NC19

To move the following Clause—

“Report on impact of Act upon agricultural workers

- (1) The Secretary of State shall, within 18 months of Royal Assent being given to this Act, lay before Parliament a report containing an assessment of the impact of the provisions of this Act on agricultural workers in England.
- (2) The report under subsection (1) shall include assessments of the impact of the Act upon each of the factors listed in subsection (3).
- (3) The factors are agricultural workers’—
 - (a) living standards,
 - (b) pay,

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- (c) conditions of employment, and
- (d) accommodation.
- (4) The report under subsection (1) shall include an analysis of the impact on each factor under subsection (3)—
 - (a) in each region of England, and
 - (b) in each agricultural sector, within the meaning given in Schedule 1.
- (5) The Secretary of State shall, no later than three months after the report under subsection (1) has been laid, open a public consultation on—
 - (a) the report laid under subsection (1) and any conclusions which it might draw or proposals which it might contain, and
 - (b) the merits of establishing a sector negotiating body to be responsible for setting on an annual basis minimum—
 - (i) living standards,
 - (ii) pay,
 - (iii) conditions of employment, and
 - (iv) standards and terms of accommodation for agricultural workers.
- (6) “Agricultural worker” shall, for the purposes of this section, be taken to mean any person engaged in—
 - (a) agriculture, as defined in section 109 of the Agriculture Act 1947, or
 - (b) forestry.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to report on the impact of the Act on agricultural workers in England, and to consult on the findings of that report and the merits of establishing a sector negotiating body.

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

NC20

To move the following Clause—

“Monitoring pesticide use and alternatives

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within six months of Royal Assent being given to this Act, publish proposals—
 - (a) to monitor the use and effects of pesticides in the management of livestock or land, to conduct research into alternative methods of pest control and to promote their take-up,
 - (b) to conduct research into alternative methods of pest control and to promote their take-up, and
 - (c) to consult on a target to reduce the use of pesticides.
- (2) The proposals shall include steps to measure—
 - (a) the effect of pesticides on environmental health,
 - (b) the effect of pesticides on human health,
 - (c) the frequency with which individual pesticides are applied,
 - (d) the areas to which individual pesticides are applied, and

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- (e) the take-up of alternative methods of pest control by land use and sector.
- (3) “Environmental health” in subsection (2)(a) includes the health of flora, fauna, land, air or any inland water body.
- (4) “Human health” in subsection (2)(b) means the health of farmers, farmworkers and their families, operators, bystanders, rural residents and the general public.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to publish proposals to monitor the impact of pesticides, to conduct research into alternative methods of pest control, to promote their take-up, and to consult on proposals to set a target to reduce the use of pesticides.

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

NC21

To move the following Clause—

“Licences to cull badgers for control of tuberculosis: repeal

- (1) No licence may be granted to kill or take badgers, or to interfere with a badger sett, for the purpose of preventing the spread of bovine tuberculosis.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1)(g) of section 10 of the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 is accordingly amended by omitting “disease” and substituting “any disease other than bovine tuberculosis.””

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would end the provision under which a licence can be granted to kill badgers for the purpose of preventing the spread of bovine tuberculosis.

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

NC22

To move the following Clause—

“Consultation on regulatory framework: enforcement

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within one calendar month of this Act being given Royal Assent, open a consultation on what body should regulate and enforce the regulatory framework under section [Duty and regulations governing agricultural and horticultural activity].
- (2) The consultation shall seek views on whether an existing body should carry out the regulation and enforcement under subsection (1) or whether a new body should be created for that purpose.
- (3) The Secretary of State must, in any consultation under subsection (1), consult with persons or bodies representing persons who he or she considers are affected by the functions of the proposed body.

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- (4) The Secretary of State must lay before both Houses of Parliament—
- (a) in summary form, the views expressed in the consultation held under subsection (1), and
 - (b) a statement of how the Secretary of State intends to proceed, with his or her reasons for doing so.”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

NC23

To move the following Clause—

“Consultation on financial assistance schemes and multi-annual financial assistance plans

- (1) Prior to framing any financial assistance scheme under section 1 or to preparing a multi-annual financial assistance plan under section 4, the Secretary of State must carry out a consultation on the design of the scheme and how it relates to the Government’s strategic priorities for giving financial assistance.
- (2) In the consultation under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) such persons, or representatives of such persons, as appear to the Secretary of State to be representative of interests substantially affected by the scheme,
 - (b) such persons, or representatives of such persons, as appear to the Secretary of State likely to apply for financial assistance,
 - (c) any relevant authority under section [*Consultation on giving of financial assistance*],
 - (d) such other persons or bodies as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

NC24

To move the following Clause—

“Consultation on giving of financial assistance

- (1) Financial assistance under section 1 may only be given to a person following consultation with—
 - (a) the relevant authority under subsection (3) for the area in which land for which financial assistance being claimed is situated,
 - (b) the owner, or representative of an owner, of any land adjacent to that for which financial assistance is being claimed,

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- (c) any water undertaker under section 6 of the Water Industry Act 1991 whose area includes land for which financial assistance is being claimed,
 - (d) such persons, or representatives of such persons, as appear to the Secretary of State to be representative of interests substantially affected by the giving of the financial assistance,
 - (e) such other persons or bodies as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (2) The consultation under subsection (1) may seek views on—
- (a) the amount of financial assistance to be given to a person,
 - (b) the purposes for which a person is to be given the financial assistance,
 - (c) the outcomes which the person in receipt of financial assistance should be expected to deliver, and
 - (d) the potential for giving financial assistance in connection with a third party scheme under section 2(5).
- (3) For the purposes of this section and section [*Consultation on financial assistance schemes and multi-annual financial assistance plans*], a “relevant authority” is—
- (a) a parish council, or
 - (b) where there is not a parish council—
 - (i) a principal authority in an area with a single tier of local government as defined by section 1 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, or
 - (ii) a district council or London Borough Council in an area other than in subsection (3)(b)(i).”
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Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

NC25

To move the following Clause—

“Consultation on administration

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within one calendar month of this Act being given Royal Assent, open a consultation on what body should administer—
- (a) any payment of financial assistance under section 1,
 - (b) any check, enforcement, monitoring or investigation in connection with the giving of financial assistance, under subsection (1) of section 3,
 - (c) any payment under the basic payment scheme, within the meaning of section 7,
 - (d) any delinked payment within the meaning of section 12,
 - (e) any other form of financial assistance which may be given under this Act, and
 - (f) any environmental land management scheme established in connection with the provisions of this Act.
- (2) The consultation shall seek views on whether an existing body should administer the functions under subsection (1) or whether a new body should be created for that purpose.

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- (3) The Secretary of State must, in any consultation under subsection (1), consult with persons or bodies representing persons who he or she considers are affected by the functions of the proposed administrative body, or who—
- (a) are engaged in production of any product falling within an agricultural sector under Schedule 1, or
 - (b) manage land for a purpose other than production of any product falling within an agricultural sector under Schedule 1.
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay before both Houses of Parliament—
- (a) in summary form, the views expressed in the consultation held under subsection (1), and
 - (b) a statement of how the Secretary of State intends to proceed, with his or her reasons for doing so.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to hold a consultation on whether an existing agency (such as the Rural Payments Agency) or a new body should administer payments and other functions delivered under the Bill’s provisions.

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

NC26

To move the following Clause—

“Smallholdings estates: land management

- (1) A smallholdings authority which immediately before the commencement of Part 1 of this Act holds any land for the purposes of smallholdings shall review the authority’s smallholdings estate and shall, before the end of the period of eighteen months beginning with the commencement of Part 1 of this Act, submit to the Secretary of State proposals with respect to the future management of that estate for the purposes of—
- (a) providing opportunities for persons to be farmers on their own account;
 - (b) providing education or experience in environmental land management practices;
 - (c) providing opportunities for increasing public access to the natural environment and understanding of sustainable farming;
 - (d) contributing to a mitigation of climate change, including a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions,
 - (e) providing support for innovative food production techniques (including techniques which do not involve management of land), and
 - (f) providing opportunities for innovation in sustainable land management practices.
- (2) No land held by a smallholdings authority as a smallholding immediately before commencement of Part 1 of this Act is to be conveyed, transferred, leased or otherwise disposed of otherwise than—
- (a) in connection with the purposes listed in subsection (1); and
 - (b) in accordance with proposals submitted under subsection (1).

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- (3) For the purposes of this section, “smallholdings authority” has the same meaning as in section 38 of the Agriculture Act 1970.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would limit the disposal of smallholdings (“county farms”) by local authorities and would require local authorities to review their holding and submit proposals for future management to provide opportunities to extend access to farming, education, and innovation.

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

NC27

- ★ To move the following Clause—

“Agriculture Co-ordination Council

- (1) There shall be an Agricultural Co-ordination Council composed of—
- (a) the Secretary of State, or representatives of the Secretary of State,
 - (b) Scottish Ministers, or representatives of Scottish Ministers,
 - (c) Welsh Ministers, or representatives of Welsh Ministers, and
 - (d) DAERA.
- (2) The Council shall establish a common framework to monitor any disparities within the United Kingdom—
- (a) in standards of food production;
 - (b) arising from the exercise of powers to give financial assistance for any purpose which may be specified;
 - (c) arising from the power to make payments under the basic payment scheme or to make delinked payments; and
 - (d) in marketing standards.
- (3) The Council shall review any framework established under subsection (2) at least once in each calendar year, and may amend a framework.”
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Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

NC28

- ★ To move the following Clause—

“Agricultural co-operatives

- (1) The Secretary of State must promote agricultural co-operatives by—
- (a) offering financial assistance for the creation or development of agricultural co-operatives, and

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- (b) establishing bodies to provide practical support and guidance for the development of new co-operatives.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall examine any proposal for primary or secondary legislation to assess—
 - (a) its impact upon agricultural co-operatives, and
 - (b) whether that impact is disproportionate in relation to its impact upon other producer organisations or interbranch organisations.
- (3) Financial assistance under subsection (1) may be given by way of grant, loan or guarantee, or in any other form.
- (4) An organisation shall be recognised as an agricultural co-operative if it meets the conditions in subsections (5) and (6).
- (5) Condition 1 is that the organisation—
 - (a) is registered with the Financial Conduct Authority as a co-operative, or
 - (b) is constituted under the Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.
- (6) Condition 2 is that the organisation—
 - (a) operates in a sector which is listed in Schedule 1 to this Act, and
 - (b) includes at least one member which is an agricultural or horticultural producer.
- (7) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision specifying the criteria under which financial assistance under subsection (1)(a) may be offered.
- (8) Regulations under subsection (7) are subject to the negative resolution procedure.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to promote agricultural co-operatives.

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

NC29

- ★ To move the following Clause—

“Carbon emissions: net-zero

- (1) When considering the provision of financial assistance under sections 1(1) and 1(2) of this Act, the Secretary of State shall ensure that the likely impact of that funding is compatible with the achievement of any emissions reduction target set out in subsection (2).
- (2) It is the duty of the Secretary of State to—
 - (a) within six months of this Bill receiving Royal Assent, publish greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for agricultural soil, livestock, peatland and machinery, for the year 2030, which are consistent with an emissions reduction trajectory that would eliminate the substantial majority of the UK’s total greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, and
 - (b) ensure that the targets are met.

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- (3) The Secretary of State must, within twelve months of this Bill receiving Royal Assent, publish a statement of the policies to be delivered in order to meet the emissions reduction targets published under subsection (2).
- (4) In this section “soil”, “livestock”, “peatland” and “machinery” shall all relate to that used, owned, or operated in the process of farming or any other agricultural activity.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to publish greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for the agricultural sector.

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- ★ To move the following Clause—

“Prohibition on the sale of certain animals and animal products: substances

- (1) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), no person shall sell or supply for human consumption any animal—
- (a) which contains or to which there has been administered—
 - (i) a Class I prohibited substance listed in paragraph 1 of Schedule [*Prohibited substances*],
 - (ii) a Class II prohibited substance listed in paragraph 2 of Schedule [*Prohibited substances*],
 - (iii) a Class III prohibited substance listed in paragraph 3 of Schedule [*Prohibited substances*], or
 - (iv) a Class IV prohibited substance listed in paragraph 4 of Schedule [*Prohibited substances*],
 unless that substance was administered in accordance with subsection (4);
 - (b) that is an aquaculture animal to which—
 - (i) a Class II prohibited substance listed in paragraph 2 of Schedule [*Prohibited substances*],
 - (ii) a Class III prohibited substance listed in paragraph 3 of Schedule [*Prohibited substances*], or
 - (iii) a Class IV prohibited substance listed in paragraph 4 of Schedule [*Prohibited substances*],
 has been administered;
 - (c) which contains a substance specified by the Secretary of State in regulations under subsection (5)(a) at a concentration exceeding the maximum residue limit; or
 - (d) to which a medicinal product has been administered if the withdrawal period for that product has not expired.
- (2) No person may sell or supply for human consumption any animal product which is derived wholly or partly from an animal the sale or supply of which is prohibited under subsection (1).

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- (3) Nothing in paragraph (1)(d) shall prohibit the sale before the end of the withdrawal period of any high-value horse to which has been administered allyl trenbolone or a beta-agonist in accordance with regulation 5 of the Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits)(England and Scotland) Regulations 2015, provided that the type and date of treatment was entered on the horse's passport by the veterinary surgeon directly responsible for the treatment.
 - (4) The prohibitions in paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not apply to the sale of an animal, or of an animal product derived wholly or partly from an animal to which has been administered a compliant veterinary medicinal product—
 - (a) containing testosterone, progesterone or a derivative of these substances which readily yields the parent compound on hydrolysis after absorption at the site of application, if the administration is in accordance with regulation 26 of the Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015;
 - (b) containing allyl trenbolone or a beta-agonist, if the administration is in accordance with regulation 27 of the Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015;
 - (c) having oestrogenic action (but not containing oestradiol 17 β or its ester-like derivatives), androgenic action or gestagenic action, if the administration is in accordance with regulation 28 of the Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015.
 - (5) The Secretary of State may make regulations—
 - (a) specifying for the purposes of subsection (1)(c) maximum residue limits for pharmacologically active substances, and
 - (b) adding one or more substances to any of the classes of prohibited substances in Schedule [Prohibited substances].
 - (6) Regulations under subsection (5) shall be made by statutory instrument, and any such statutory instrument may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
 - (7) For the purposes of this section—

a veterinary medicinal product is a compliant veterinary medicinal product if it complies with the requirements of Regulation 25 of the Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015), and

“withdrawal period” shall have the meaning given in Regulation 2 of the Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015).
 - (8) Regulations 9 and 10 of the Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015 are revoked.”
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NC31

★ To move the following Clause—

“Prohibition on sale: hygiene

- (1) No person shall sell or supply any animal which has been treated for the purposes of removal of surface contamination with a substance other than potable water.
 - (2) No person shall sell or supply any animal product which is derived wholly or partly from an animal which has been treated for the purposes of removal of surface contamination with a substance other than potable water.”
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NC32

★ To move the following Clause—

“Prohibition on sale: stocking densities

- (1) No person shall sell or supply any chicken, any part of a chicken or any product which is partly or wholly derived from a chicken unless the condition in subsection (2) is met.
- (2) The condition is that the stocking density in any house in which the chicken was reared—
 - (a) did not exceed 33 kilograms per m² of usable area, or
 - (b) did not exceed 39 kilograms per m² of usable area if the requirements of subsection (3) were met.
- (3) The requirements of this subsection are that the keeper must—
 - (a) maintain and, on request, make available to the Secretary of State, documentation in the house giving a detailed description of the production systems, in particular information on technical details of the house and its equipment, including—
 - (i) a plan of the house including the dimensions of the surfaces occupied by the chickens;
 - (ii) ventilation and any relevant cooling and heating system (including their location), and a ventilation plan, detailing target air quality parameters (such as airflow, air speed and temperature);
 - (iii) feeding and watering systems (and their location);
 - (iv) alarm and backup systems in the event of a failure of any equipment essential for the health and well-being of the chickens;
 - (v) floor type and litter normally used; and

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- (vi) records of technical inspections of the ventilation and alarm systems;
- (b) keep up to date the documentation referred to in subparagraph (a);
- (c) ensure that each house is equipped with ventilation and, if necessary, heating and cooling systems designed, constructed and operated in such a way that—
 - (i) the concentration of ammonia does not exceed 20 parts per million and the concentration of carbon dioxide does not exceed 3,000 parts per million, when measured at the level of the chickens' heads;
 - (ii) when the outside temperature measured in the shade exceeds 30°C, the inside temperature does not exceed the outside temperature by more than 3°C; and
 - (iii) when the outside temperature is below 10°C, the average relative humidity measured inside the house during a continuous period of 48 hours does not exceed 70%.
- (4) In the case of a chicken reared in a house which is not in the United Kingdom, it shall be a requirement upon the importer to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State that—
 - (a) documentation equivalent to that specified in subsection (3) was maintained by the keeper and was available for supply to the appropriate regulatory authority, and
 - (b) the conditions under which the chicken was reared were equivalent to, or better than, those set out in subsections (2) and (3).
- (5) For the purposes of this section, “chicken” shall mean a conventionally reared meat chicken.”

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NC33

★ To move the following Clause—

“Public procurement

When procuring and providing food, the Government, its agencies and other public bodies must seek to promote—

- (a) the highest standards of animal welfare and
- (b) the highest environmental standards.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The Bill should include a provision akin to section 15(5)(c)(ii) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 which requires the procurement strategy of public bodies to “promote the highest standards of animal welfare”.

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★ To move the following Schedule—

“PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 1 *Class I prohibited substances*
Aristolochia spp. and preparations thereof
 Chloramphenicol
 Chloroform
 Chlorpromazine
 Colchicine
 Dapsone
 Dimetridazole
 Metronizadole
 Nitrofurans (including furazolidone)
 Ronizadole
- 2 *Class II prohibited substances*
 Thyrostatic substances
 Stilbenes, stilbene derivatives, their salts and esters
 Oestradiol 17 β and its ester-like derivatives
- 3 *Class III prohibited substances*
 Beta-agonists
- 4 *Class IV prohibited substances*
 Substances having oestrogenic (other than oestradiol 17 β or its ester-like derivatives), androgenic or gestagenic action.”

 ORDER OF THE HOUSE [3 FEBRUARY 2020]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Agriculture Bill:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 10 March 2020.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading

4. Proceedings on Consideration and any proceedings in legislative grand committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on Consideration are commenced.

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5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.

ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE [11 FEBRUARY 2020]

That—

- (1) the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 9.25 am on Tuesday 11 February) meet—
 - (a) at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 11 February;
 - (b) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 13 February;
 - (c) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 25 February;
 - (d) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 27 February;
 - (e) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 3 March;
 - (f) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 5 March;
 - (g) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 10 March;
- (2) the Committee shall hear oral evidence in accordance with the following Table:

TABLE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Witness</i>
Tuesday 11 February	Until no later than 10.30 am	Nature Friendly Farming Network; Farmwel; LEAF; British Growers Association
Tuesday 11 February	Until no later than 11.25 am	RSPB; RSPCA; Rare Breed Survival Trust; Traceability Design User Group; Livestock Information Ltd
Tuesday 11 February	Until no later than 2.30 pm	Ulster Farmers Union; DAERA
Tuesday 11 February	Until no later than 3.00 pm	NFU; National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs
Tuesday 11 February	Until no later than 3.30 pm	Cooperatives UK
Tuesday 11 February	Until no later than 4.15 pm	Campaign to Protect Rural England; Kings Crops; Holkham Estate
Tuesday 11 February	Until no later than 5.00 pm	Country Land and Business Association; Tenant Farmers Association

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Witness</i>
Thursday 13 February	Until no later than 12.15 pm	NFU Cymru; Farmers' Union of Wales; Welsh Government
Thursday 13 February	Until no later than 1.00 pm	Soil Association
Thursday 13 February	Until no later than 2.30 pm	NFU Scotland; Quality Meat Scotland; Scottish Government
Thursday 13 February	Until no later than 3.00 pm	George Monbiot, The Guardian
Thursday 13 February	Until no later than 3.30 pm	Professor Bill Keevil, University of Southampton
Thursday 13 February	Until no later than 4.00 pm	Unite; Landworkers Alliance
Thursday 13 February	Until no later than 4.30 pm	Sustain; Compassion in World Farming
Thursday 13 February	Until no later than 5.00 pm	Which?

- (3) proceedings on consideration of the Bill in Committee shall be taken in the following order: Clauses 1 to 28; Schedule 1; Clause 29; Schedule 2; Clauses 30 to 34; Schedule 3; Clause 35; Schedule 4; Clauses 36 to 43; Schedule 5; Clauses 44 and 45; Schedule 6; Clauses 46 to 49; Schedule 7; Clauses 50 to 54; new Clauses; new Schedules; remaining proceedings on the Bill;
- (4) the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 10 March.

NOTICES WITHDRAWN

The following Notices were withdrawn on 2 March 2020:

Amendment 18