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PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

AGRICULTURE BILL

[ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH SITTINGS]

GLOSSARY

This document shows the fate of each clause, schedule, amendment and new clause.

The following terms are used:

Agreed to: agreed without a vote.

Agreed to on division: agreed following a vote.

Negated: rejected without a vote.

Negated on division: rejected following a vote.

Not called: debated in a group of amendments, but not put to a decision.

Not moved: not debated or put to a decision.

Question proposed: debate underway but not concluded.

Withdrawn after debate: moved and debated but then withdrawn, so not put to a decision.

Not selected: not chosen for debate by the Chair.

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Clause 40, page 36, line 20, at end insert—

Negated on division 31

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

Daniel Zeichner
Luke Pollard
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Clause 40, page 36, line 20, at end insert—

Negated on division 99

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“(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

Negatived on division 32

Clause 42, page 38, line 17, leave out from “support” to end of line 19

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Negatived on division 33

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause 43 agreed to.

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 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.”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 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.”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 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.”

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Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 68

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

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 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”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 70

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

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 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.”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 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;”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 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

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procedures as well as cross-compliance in respect of rural development support measures.”

Victoria Prentis

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

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 44 and 45 agreed to.

Schedule 6 agreed to.

Clause 46 agreed to.

Victoria Prentis

Clause 47, page 41, line 3, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru” *Agreed to 54*

Victoria Prentis

Clause 47, page 41, line 16, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru” *Agreed to 55*

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Victoria Prentis

Clause 48, page 41, line 46, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru” *Agreed to 56*

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 49 agreed to.

Schedule 7 agreed to.

Victoria Prentis

Clause 50, page 42, line 31, at end insert— *Agreed to 95*
“(ia) section 32(3) and (4), so far as relating to Wales,”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Clauses 51 and 52 agreed to.

Victoria Prentis

Clause 53, page 43, line 35, leave out paragraph (c)

Agreed to 96

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Clause 53, page 43, line 35, at end insert—
“(ca) section [Sow farrowing stalls],”

Not called 41

Victoria Prentis

Clause 53, page 43, line 36, at end insert—
“(ia) section 32(3) and (4),”

Agreed to 97

Victoria Prentis

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

Agreed to 98

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 54 agreed to.

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Negatived on division NCI

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),

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- (b) any plants or seeds, within the meaning of section 22(6),
 - (c) any product derived from livestock, plants or seeds.”
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Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 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.
 - (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).”
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Bill Wiggin

Not selected 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—

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- (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.”

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

Negated on division 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

Withdrawn after debate 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

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

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Negated on division 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

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- (b) as amended from time to time whether by virtue of that Act or otherwise.”

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Negated on division 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.”

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Not selected NC8

To move the following Clause—

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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).”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division 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.
- (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;

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- (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

Negated on division 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.”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division NC11

To move the following Clause—

“Whistleblowing: standards in abattoirs

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

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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.”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division 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.”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Withdrawn after debate NC13

To move the following Clause—

“Livestock farming practices: research

- (1) The Secretary of State must—

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- (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.”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Not called **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.”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division **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,

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whichever is the sooner, publish a statement of future policy on grouse shooting and grouse moor management.”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 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.”
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Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Negated on division 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

Not called 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.”

Daniel Zeichner
Luke Pollard
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division 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,
 - (c) conditions of employment, and
 - (d) accommodation.

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- (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.”

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Negatived on division 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
 - (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.

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- (4) “Human health” in subsection (2)(b) means the health of farmers, farmworkers and their families, operators, bystanders, rural residents and the general public.”
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Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Negatived on division 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.””
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Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 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.
- (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.”
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Luke Pollard
 Daniel Zeichner
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 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.”

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Not called 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,
 - (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,

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- (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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Withdrawn after debate 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.
- (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

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- (b) a statement of how the Secretary of State intends to proceed, with his or her reasons for doing so.”
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Not called 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).
- (3) For the purposes of this section, “smallholdings authority” has the same meaning as in section 38 of the Agriculture Act 1970.”
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Withdrawn after debate NC27

To move the following Clause—

*Agriculture Bill, continued***“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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Withdrawn after debate 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
 - (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

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- (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.”

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Negated on division **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.
- (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.”

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Not called **NC30**

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—

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- (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).
- (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—

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- (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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Not called 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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Not called 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.

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- (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
 - (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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Not selected 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.”

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Not called NS1

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

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- 4 *Class IV prohibited substances*
 Substances having oestrogenic (other than oestradiol 17 β or its ester-like derivatives), androgenic or gestagenic action.”

Bill, as amended, to be reported.
