



House of Commons

Tuesday 3 March 2020

PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

AGRICULTURE BILL

[FIRST TO TENTH 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.

Negatived: rejected without a vote.

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Withdrawn after debate: moved and debated but then withdrawn, so not put to a decision.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

FIRST AND SECOND SITTINGS

George Eustice

Agreed to

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;

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(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
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?

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- (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.

George Eustice

That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

Agreed to

George Eustice

That, at this and any subsequent meeting at which oral evidence is to be heard, the Committee shall sit in private until the witnesses are admitted.

Agreed to

The following witnesses gave oral evidence:

Martin Lines, Chair, Nature Friendly Farming Network; Ffinlo Costain, Farmwel; Caroline Drummond MBE, Chief Executive, LEAF; and Jack Ward, Chief Executive, British Growers Association

Thomas Lancaster, Principal Policy Officer, Agriculture, RSPB; David Bowles, Head of Public Affairs, RSPCA; Christopher Price, CEO, Rare Breeds Survival Trust; John Cross, Chair, Traceability Design User Group; and Simon Hall, Managing Director, Livestock Information Ltd
Ivor Ferguson, President, Ulster Farmers' Union; and Norman Fulton, Deputy Secretary (Food and Farming Group), DAERA

Nick von Westenholz, Director of EU Exit and International Trade, NFU; and David Goodwin, Agriculture Chairman, National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

Richard Self, Agriculture Manager, Cooperatives UK

Graeme Willis, Policy and Technical Expert, Campaign to Protect Rural England; Jim Egan, Technical Adviser, Kings Crops; and Jake Fiennes, General Manager (Conservation), Holkham Estate

Judicaelle Hammond, Director of Policy, Country Land and Business Association; and George Dunn, CEO, Tenant Farmers Association

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The following witnesses gave oral evidence:

Dr Nick Fenwick, Head of Policy, Farmers Union of Wales; John Davies, President, and Huw Thomas, Political Adviser, National Farmers Union Cymru; Tim Render, Welsh Government

Gareth Morgan, Head of Policy, Farming and Land Use, Soil Association

Jonnie Hall, Director of Policy, NFU Scotland; Alan Clarke, Chief Executive, Quality Meat Scotland; and George Burgess, Deputy Director, Trade Policy, Food & Drink, Scottish Government

George Monbiot

Professor Bill Keevil, Professor of Environmental Healthcare within School of Biological Sciences, University of Southampton

Diana Holland, Assistant General Secretary (responsible for Food, Drink and Agriculture), UNITE; Jyoti Fernandes, Campaigns and Policy Co-ordinator, Landworkers Alliance

Vicki Hird, Campaign Co-ordinator, Food and Farming Policy, Sustain; James West, Senior Policy Manager, and Dr Nick Palmer, Head, Compassion in World Farming

Sue Davies MBE, Head of Consumer Protection and Food Policy, Which?

FIFTH AND SIXTH SITTINGS

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division 1

Clause 1, page 2, line 6, leave out “may” and insert “must”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division 2

Clause 1, page 2, line 8, at end insert—

“(aa) supporting agriculture and horticulture businesses in enabling public access to healthy food that is farmed in an environmentally sustainable way, including food produced through whole farm agroecological systems”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division 34

Clause 1, page 2, line 12, at end insert—

“(ca) improving public health;”

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Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Negatived on division 6

Clause 1, page 2, line 13, after “(d)” insert “limiting greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture or horticulture or encouraging activities that reduce such emissions or remove greenhouse gas from the atmosphere, or otherwise”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Negatived on division 40

Clause 1, page 2, line 17, at end insert “, including measures to improve the standard of accommodation for farrowing sows”

Kerry McCarthy

Not called 11

Clause 1, page 2, line 24, at end insert—
“(k) establishing, maintaining and expanding agroecological farming systems, including organic farming.”

Kerry McCarthy

Negatived on division 12

Clause 1, page 2, line 28, after “activity” insert “, provided that such assistance does not contradict or undermine the purposes in section 1(1).”

Kerry McCarthy

Negatived on division 14

Clause 1, page 2, line 32, leave out subsection (4) and insert—
“(4) In framing any financial assistance scheme, the Secretary of State must have regard to—
(a) the need to encourage the production of food by producers in England and its production by them in an environmentally sustainable way; and
(b) the need to ensure that all farms and horticulture units, including those smaller than five hectares, can access financial assistance.”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 3

Clause 1, page 3, line 6, at end insert ““environmentally sustainable way” means in a way which employs factors and practices that contribute to the quality of environment on a long-term basis and avoids the depletion of natural resources”

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Luke Pollard
 Daniel Zeichner
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 35

Clause 1, page 3, line 12, at end insert—

““improving public health” includes—

- (a) increasing the availability, affordability, diversity, quality and marketing of fruit, vegetables and pulses,
- (b) reducing farm antibiotic and related veterinary product use, and antibiotic resistance in harmful micro-organisms, through improved animal health and welfare,
- (c) providing support for farmers to diversify out of domestic production of foods where there may be reduced demand due to public concerns over issues such as health, environment, and animal welfare, and
- (d) reducing harm from use of chemicals on farms, and reducing pesticide residues in food;”

Mr Robert Goodwill

Withdrawn after debate 8

Clause 1, page 3, line 13, after “kept” insert “or managed”

Kerry McCarthy

Negatived on division 13

Clause 1, page 3, line 17, at end insert ““protecting or improving the quality of soil” includes the restoration of blanket bog and other peatland habitats.”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 15

Clause 1, page 3, line 21, at end insert “made by the Secretary of State”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

 SEVENTH AND EIGHTH SITTINGS

Luke Pollard
 Daniel Zeichner
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Withdrawn after debate 63

☆ Clause 2, page 3, line 25, at end insert—

“(1A) The Secretary of State must by regulations make provision for establishing any financial assistance scheme and setting out how it will be designed and how it will operate.

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- (1B) No motion may be made in either House of Parliament for the approval of any regulations under subsection (1A) unless—
- (a) a draft of those regulations has been submitted for scrutiny by any select committee of either House of Parliament which, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, has a remit which includes responsibility for scrutiny of financial assistance under section 1, and
 - (b) any such committee has expressed a view on the draft regulations.”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division 36

Clause 2, page 3, line 27, at end insert—

- “(2A) Financial assistance may not be given to any person who is not compliant with standards set out in regulations made by the Secretary of State under section [Duty and regulations governing agricultural and horticultural activity].”

Daniel Zeichner
Luke Pollard
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Withdrawn after debate 48

Clause 2, page 3, line 30, at end insert—

- “(3A) Financial assistance allocated to a scheme in a particular year but not spent within that year may be carried over to a future year for spending on one or more schemes.”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 16

Clause 2, page 3, line 31, leave out from “to” to end of line 32 and insert “the maker or operator of a third party scheme in connection with expenditure involved in establishing or operating the scheme (including the provision of financial support)”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Withdrawn after debate 4

Clause 2, page 3, line 32, at end insert—

- “(4A) Financial assistance under subsection (1)(1)(f) for protecting or improving the health or welfare of livestock shall only be given to a person who satisfies the Secretary of State that they—
- (a) achieve, or have undertaken to achieve, standards of animal welfare which exceed the minimum requirements laid down by legislation governing welfare of livestock,
 - (b) raise animals in such a way that enables them to carry out their natural behaviours,
 - (c) do not subject livestock to any prohibited procedure (within the meaning of section 5 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006),

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- (d) do not kill livestock in any place other than in a slaughterhouse unless—
 - (i) a veterinary surgeon has certified that this is necessary due to the animal’s poor health, and
 - (ii) the method of killing is humane, and
- (e) do not, after IP completion day, export animals for slaughter or fattening unless—
 - (i) the livestock is exported from Northern Ireland to the Republic of Ireland, and
 - (ii) it is made a requirement of sale that the livestock shall not be re-exported by the buyer.”

Luke Pollard
 Daniel Zeichner
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division 42

Clause 2, page 3, line 32, at end insert—

- “(4A) Financial assistance may only be given under section 1(1)(f) for the purpose of protecting or improving the health of livestock if, in the opinion of the Secretary of State or of any person to whom functions relating to the giving of financial assistance are delegated under section 2(6), the protection or improvement effects a standard which is significantly higher than that required by regulations made by the Secretary of State under section [*Duty and regulations governing agricultural and horticultural activity*].”

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Withdrawn after debate 44

Clause 2, page 3, line 32, at end insert—

- “(4A) No more than 5% of the financial assistance given through a financial assistance scheme in any particular financial year shall be spent on administration or consultancy.
- (4B) The Secretary of State may by regulations vary the proportion of financial assistance specified in subsection (4A).”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 17

Clause 2, page 3, line 35, leave out “or operated on behalf of” and insert “by”

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Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division 49

Clause 2, page 3, line 35, at end insert—

“(5A) Financial assistance shall not be given for any act or activity in pursuit of a purpose under section 1 if the land on which that act or activity is to take place is to be used by the applicant, or by a person acting with the consent of the applicant, for hunting of a wild mammal with a dog, whether or not that hunting is exempt under section 2 of the Hunting Act 2004.”

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 50

Clause 2, page 3, line 35, at end insert—

“(5A) Financial assistance shall not be given for a purpose under section 1 if land on which any act or activity is to take place in pursuance of that purpose is land on which—

- (a) an offence has been committed under section 1, 3 or 5 of the Hunting Act 2004, or
- (b) exempt hunting, within the meaning of section 2 of the Hunting Act 2004, has taken place since 18 February 2005.”

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 45

Clause 2, page 4, line 3, after “subsection” insert “(4B) or subsection”

Luke Pollard
 Daniel Zeichner
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 64

☆ Clause 2, page 4, line 3, after “subsection” insert “(1A) or subsection”

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 46

Clause 2, page 4, line 4, at end insert—

“(10A) For the purposes of this Act, “administration or consultancy” includes money spent on administration or consultancy other than in connection with the purposes in section [*Financial assistance: duty to provide advice*].”

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Luke Pollard
 Daniel Zeichner
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 5

Clause 2, page 4, line 5, after “section” insert—

““fattening” means the keeping of livestock for the purpose of the livestock gaining weight in preparation for slaughter,

“humane” shall be interpreted in accordance with paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 to the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (England) Regulations 2015,

“livestock” has the meaning given in section 1(5) of this Act,

“IP completion day” has the meaning given in section 39 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2020, and”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Luke Pollard
 Daniel Zeichner
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Withdrawn after debate 37

Clause 4, page 5, line 14, after “period” insert “, and

(d) set out the budget for each financial assistance scheme under subparagraph (c)(i) or (c)(ii) for the duration of the plan period”

Luke Pollard
 Daniel Zeichner
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 38

Clause 4, page 5, line 38, at end insert—

“(9A) For each financial assistance scheme, the Secretary of State must have regard to any advice provided by the Office for Environmental Protection, after it is established, about the funding required to achieve the strategic objectives of financial assistance for the duration of the plan period.”

Clause agreed to.

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Luke Pollard
 Daniel Zeichner
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 39

- Clause 5, page 6, line 10, after “scheme,” insert—
 “(aa) any opinion provided by the Office for Environmental Protection, after it is established, as to whether the financial assistance given was sufficient to meet the strategic objectives of the financial assistance,”

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 47

- Clause 5, page 6, line 13, after “year”, insert “, and (c) the amount of money spent on administration or consultancy, within the meaning of subsection (10A) of section 2”

*Clause agreed to.**Clauses 6 and 7 agreed to.*

Mr Robert Goodwill

Withdrawn after debate 9

- Clause 8, page 8, line 5, after “extending” insert “or pausing the transition process and”
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*NINTH AND TENTH SITTINGS**Clauses 8 to 12 agreed to.*

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Negatived on division 74

- 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

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- (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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Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 43

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 15 and 16 agreed to.

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

Negatived on division 7

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

Simon Hoare
Tracey Crouch

Not selected 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

Negatived on division 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);”

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Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 76

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);”

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
Negatived on division 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.”

Clause agreed to.

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Clauses 18 to 26 agreed to.

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Negatived on division 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

Negatived on division 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.”

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Negatived on division 78

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

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 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.”

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Withdrawn after debate 82

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

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Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 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

Not called 80

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

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 81

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

Deidre Brock
 Dave Doogan

Negatived on division 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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Clause agreed to.

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Clause 28, page 23, line 42, leave out “to the Secretary of State” *Negatived on division* 21

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Clause 28, page 24, line 12, leave out “to the Secretary of State” *Not called* 22

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Clause 28, page 24, line 20, leave out “to the Secretary of State” *Not called* 23

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Clause 28, page 24, line 38, at end insert— *Not called* 24
 “(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

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” *Not called* 25

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Clause 28, page 25, line 24, at end insert— *Not called* 26
 ““appropriate authority” means—
 (a) in relation to England, Wales or Northern Ireland, the Secretary of State,
 (b) in relation to Scotland, the Scottish Ministers;”

Clause agreed to.

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Schedule 1 agreed to.

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

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))” *Not called* 27

Clause agreed to.

Schedule 2 agreed to.

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

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))” *Not called* 28

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Clause 30, page 26, line 29, at end insert— *Negated on division* 29
“(2A) Regulations under section 28 or 29 containing provision that extends to Scotland may be made only with the consent of the Scottish Ministers.”

Clause agreed to.

Victoria Prentis

Clause 31, page 28, line 48, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru” *Agreed to* 51

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Victoria Prentis

Clause 32, page 30, line 5, after “England” insert “or Wales” *Agreed to* 89

Victoria Prentis

Clause 32, page 30, line 7, leave out “Wales or” *Agreed to* 90

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Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 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”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 92

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

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 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.””

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 94

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

Clause as amended, agreed to.

 Deidre Brock
 Dave Doogan

Negated on division 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.”

Clause agreed to.

Clause 34 agreed to.

 Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division 87

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

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Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 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,”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 57

Schedule 3, page 51, line 37, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 58

Schedule 3, page 54, line 9, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 59

Schedule 3, page 54, line 14, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 60

Schedule 3, page 54, line 19, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”

Daniel Zeichner
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Withdrawn after debate 85

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

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Not called 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.””

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Daniel Zeichner
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Negatived on division 84

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

Clause agreed to.

Schedule 4 agreed to.

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Clause 36 agreed to.

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Clause 37, page 35, line 15, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru” *Agreed to* **52**

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Clause 37, page 35, line 16, leave out “that Assembly” and insert “the Senedd” *Agreed to* **53**

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 38 agreed to.

Clause 39 agreed to.