

Agriculture Bill

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
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Clause 1

BARONESS BAKEWELL OF HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE

Page 2, line 25, at end insert—

“() implementing integrated pest and weed management measures based on an agroecological approach.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment adds the uptake of comprehensive integrated pest and weed management measures as an additional purpose for financial assistance.

Clause 3

BARONESS BAKEWELL OF HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE

Page 4, line 18, at end insert—

“() developing a target for the adoption of integrated pest and weed management and agroecological farming practices, and developing a robust system for monitoring progress towards that target.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment allows the Secretary of State to make regulations to develop a target for the uptake of integrated pest management and to monitor progress towards this target.

After Clause 17

BARONESS JONES OF WHITCHURCH

Insert the following new Clause—

“National food plan

- (1) The Secretary of State must, before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, lay before Parliament a strategy outlining the steps that Her Majesty’s Government proposes to take—
 - (a) to increase the proportion of food consumed in the United Kingdom which has been produced domestically,

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- (b) to prevent avoidable food waste through the supply chain,
 - (c) to reduce food poverty,
 - (e) to address poor nutrition and obesity,
 - (f) to promote high standards of United Kingdom produce, and
 - (g) to support the development of local and regional food identities.
- (2) A strategy under subsection (1) must include consideration of the case for –
- (a) introducing a public procurement policy for the public sector that promotes the purchase of British produce,
 - (b) the promotion of food security and access to food,
 - (c) amending food labelling requirements to include –
 - (i) country of origin, and
 - (ii) method of production,
 - (d) introducing a robust certification system for food excellence,
 - (e) increasing confidence in produce by addressing issues relating to –
 - (i) pesticide residues, and
 - (ii) the use of antibiotics, and
 - (f) enabling the application of the latest scientific research to food technology.
- (3) In preparing the strategy under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must consult –
- (a) other relevant Ministers of the Crown,
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers,
 - (c) the Welsh Ministers,
 - (d) the Northern Ireland department, and
 - (e) bodies that appear to the Secretary of State to represent the interests of the UK agricultural industry.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new Clause would require the Secretary of State to prepare a national food plan within six months of the Act being passed. The strategy would cover matters such as increasing the UK’s self-sufficiency in food production and give consideration to various means of achieving different food-related goals.

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