

Agriculture Bill

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Clause 1

LORD ADDINGTON

Page 2, line 31, at end insert –

“() enhancement of rights of way, navigation and access infrastructure.

- () “Access infrastructure” means, but is not limited to, stiles, gates, gaps, launch and landing sites for access to water, path surfaces and signage and waymarking.”

Page 3, line 17, at end insert –

““waters” means any inland, non-tidal lakes, canals, rivers (to the extent that they are non-tidal), streams, ditches, drains, cuts, culverts, dykes, sluices and passages through which water flows and which are located on agricultural land, and includes artificial watercourses, reservoirs, whether natural or artificial and whether navigable or not, and includes the bed and the shores or banks thereof.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that financial assistance is applicable to all waterways and bodies located on agricultural land.

Clause 3

BARONESS PARMINTER

Page 4, line 8, leave out “may” and insert “must”.

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Secretary of State to make provision for or in connection with the purposes listed in subsection (1).

Page 4, line 44, at end insert –

- “() Within 6 months of this section coming into force, the Secretary of State must consult –

Clause 3 - continued

- (a) persons who are likely to be subject to regulations under this section, and
 - (b) any persons, representative organisations and stakeholders who express an interest to the Secretary of State in taking part in the consultation.
- () In carrying out a consultation, the Secretary of State must consider –
- (a) the impact of the regulations on environmental outcomes of the agricultural sector,
 - (b) how regulations can effectively ensure compliance with eligibility criteria and conditions for receipt of financial assistance, and that the purposes of the financial assistance have been met, and
 - (c) the resources required to ensure compliance with eligibility criteria and conditions for receipt of financial assistance.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires the Secretary of State within 6 months of the Act being passed to consult on the regulatory framework for those in receipt of financial assistance.

After Clause 42

LORD CAMERON OF DILLINGTON

Insert the following new Clause –

“Agricultural research

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations modify the definitions contained in Part VI of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in relation to products of breeding techniques where nucleic acid changes could have occurred naturally or through traditional breeding methods.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may only be made after the Secretary of State has held a public consultation on any proposed modifications to the definitions.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may only be made in relation to England.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative resolution procedure.”

Member’s explanatory statement

To enable the Secretary of State to make changes to the Environmental Protection Act 1990, as it applies in England, in relation to breeding techniques after the UK leaves the EU. This would allow for regulation of new precision breeding techniques compatible with international definitions.

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