

Agriculture Bill

AMENDMENTS
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Clause 1

THE EARL OF DUNDEE

Page 2, line 25, at end insert—

“() to encourage the rearing of livestock outdoors.”

Member’s explanatory statement

Financial assistance to encourage rearing of livestock outside as opposed to indoor factory farming.

Page 2, line 25, at end insert—

“() the purchase of domestically-produced animal feed.”

Member’s explanatory statement

Financial assistance to encourage the purchase of domestically-produced animal feed with the intention of reducing carbon emissions from imported animal feed.

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

Page 2, line 25, at end insert—

“() supporting public bodies that provide meals or food to apply improved environmental or animal welfare standards.”

BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

Page 2, line 25, at end insert—

“() transitioning from livestock to plant-based food production.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The Secretary of State could use financial assistance to reform agricultural practices to shift away from diets dominated by animal products.

LORD TREES
BARONESS MALLALIEU

Page 2, line 37, after “packaging,” insert “slaughtering,”

Member's explanatory statement

To enable assistance to be given in an appropriate case to a licensed abattoir which, for example, provides a private kill service or enables slaughtering facilities in an area otherwise without adequate provision.

Clause 4

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

Page 5, line 9, at end insert –

“(ba) outline how advances in animal welfare will be supported by financial assistance and how this will be monitored during the period of the plan, and”

Member's explanatory statement

This keeps animal welfare at the heart of the planning process and requires the Secretary of State to be explicit about how welfare will be monitored.

After Clause 4

LORD LUCAS

Insert the following new Clause –

“Financial assistance: provision of advice

The Secretary of State must ensure that advice is made available to potential recipients and recipients of financial assistance to –

- (a) support the achievement of strategic priorities set out in the multi-annual financial assistance plan by virtue of section 4(2)(b),
- (b) support compliance with legal requirements relevant to agricultural, horticultural or forestry activities undertaken by producers in England including conditions for financial assistance, and
- (c) assist compliance with conditions for financial assistance through advice as opposed to enforcement and penalties.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that farmers and land managers in England are supported by sufficient advice to realise the strategic priorities for financial assistance, and to comply with relevant legal requirements.

Clause 9

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

Page 8, line 26, at end insert –

“() The Secretary of State may not make amendments to legislation, by regulations under this section, that will result in a reduction of animal welfare standards.”

Clause 16

LORD CAMERON OF DILLINGTON

Page 12, line 44, at end insert –

“() providing new socioeconomic support programmes to help farming households.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that DEFRA has the ability to assist farming households in a variety of ways, so they can continue to deliver agricultural food and environmental services.

Clause 17

BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

Page 14, line 32, at end insert –

“(f) the availability of UK-grown plant-based food products and the impact on the United Kingdom’s food security.”

Clause 19

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

Page 16, line 22, at end insert –

“() The Secretary of State may not give financial assistance under this section to producers that do not meet animal welfare standards, including failing to provide living conditions for livestock as defined by the five needs under section 9(2) (duty of person responsible for animal to ensure welfare) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.”

Clause 28

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

Page 24, line 38, at end insert –

“() where the organisation includes members that produce animal-based products, that the organisation has designated a member with responsibility to maintain, monitor, evaluate, improve and promote animal welfare.”

Clause 32

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

Page 29, leave out lines 36 to 44 and insert –

- “(1) The Secretary of State must by order under section 87(1)(a) establish a body to be known as the Animal Food Product Traceability Authority (“the Authority”) with the functions of monitoring and regulating the labelling and marketing of animal food products in accordance with regulations made under section 35 of the Agriculture Act 2020.
- (1A) The Authority may be assigned functions that are exercisable in relation to England, Wales, Northern Ireland or Scotland under section 87(1)(b) and relate to –

Clause 32 - continued

- (a) collecting, managing and making available information regarding the identification, movement and health of animals, or
- (b) the means of identifying animals.”

Clause 33

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

Page 31, line 23, at end insert –

“() is to be established so that revenue from the levy is to be used to support farms which transition from livestock to plant-based food production.”

After Clause 34

BARONESS YOUNG OF OLD SCONE

Insert the following new Clause –

“Community Infrastructure Levy exemption

- (1) The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/948) are amended as follows.
- (2) After regulation 48 insert –

“48A Exemption for new agricultural buildings

Liability for CIL does not arise in respect of a chargeable development if, on completion of that development, the building is used for the purposes of agriculture on the holding.””

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would exclude new farm buildings from the Community Infrastructure Levy to encourage farm development.

BARONESS MCINTOSH OF PICKERING

Insert the following new Clause –

“Agricultural tenancy reform

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, publish a draft Bill consisting of –
 - (a) reforms to modernise the agricultural tenancies legislation,
 - (b) provisions to enable tenants to adapt to change, access new schemes, improve productivity and facilitate structural change, and
 - (c) such other provisions as the Secretary of State considers appropriate, where those reforms are not incorporated into Schedule 3 of this Act.
- (2) In this section, “agricultural tenancies legislation” means in particular the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 and the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new Clause would ensure that the recommendations put forward by the Tenancy Reform Industry Group can be implemented in a timely manner.

Clause 35

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

Page 32, line 28, leave out paragraph (j) and insert –

- “(j) requirements to label animal produce in accordance with the requirements established under section 89A of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (see section 32) for all animals used in food production, including but not limited to poultry;”

Page 32, line 36, at end insert “, and the use of QR codes on agricultural product packaging to disclose this information.”

Page 32, line 36, at end insert –

- “() animal welfare standards of the product.”

Page 32, line 36, at end insert –

- “() The Secretary of State must by regulations establish a requirement for –
 - (a) origin,
 - (b) transportation, and
 - (c) method of slaughter of animals (where applicable),

to be included in marketing standards for relevant agricultural products listed in Schedule 4, including the display of the information listed in paragraphs (a) to (c) on any packaging of the agricultural products sold.”

Clause 40

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

Page 36, line 42, at end insert –

- “() Regulations under this section may not –
 - (a) relax or reduce United Kingdom animal welfare standards, or
 - (b) allow deviations from requirements for the labelling of animal food products as established under section 89A of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (see section 32).”

Schedule 3

BARONESS MCINTOSH OF PICKERING

Page 50, line 36, leave out “and” and insert “or

- (iii) enabling the tenant to undertake an activity to improve or maintain the productivity or sustainability of the activities undertaken on the holding, including starting, improving or maintaining an agricultural, horticultural, forestry or diversification activity, and”

Schedule 3 - *continued*

Page 51, line 24, at end insert –

““diversification activity” means an activity which is not agricultural, horticultural or arboricultural in nature which has as its purpose the support or maintenance of the agricultural, horticultural or arboricultural activities on the holding;”

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