

Agriculture Bill

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Clause 4

LORD GARDINER OF KIMBLE

Page 5, line 22, leave out “before the beginning of the plan period” and insert—

- “(a) in the case of the first plan, as soon as practicable before the beginning of the plan period for the plan, and
- (b) in the case of a subsequent plan, at least 12 months before the beginning of the plan period for the plan.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment provides that the first multiannual financial assistance plan under Clause 4 must be published as soon as practicable before the beginning of the applicable plan period, and that any subsequent plan must be published at least 12 months before such time.

Clause 17

LORD GARDINER OF KIMBLE

Page 14, line 20, after “must,” insert “on or before the relevant day and”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires the first report under Clause 17 to be prepared on or before the relevant day. The definition of relevant day is inserted by a related Government amendment to mean the last day before 25 December 2021 which is a sitting day for both Houses of Parliament.

Page 14, line 20, leave out “five years” and insert “three years thereafter”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires reports under Clause 17 to be prepared at least once every three years (instead of at least once every five years).

Page 14, line 23, leave out “the report” and insert “a report under this section”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the first Government amendment to Clause 17.

Page 14, line 32, at end insert –

- “(3) In this section “relevant day” means the last day before 25 December 2021 which is a sitting day for both Houses of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment inserts a definition of “relevant day” into Clause 17.

After Clause 34

BARONESS HODGSON OF ABINGER
BARONESS FOOKES

Insert the following new Clause –

“Welfare of animals as sentient beings

- (1) Ministers of the Crown and local authorities must, when formulating and implementing any relevant policy, have regard to the welfare requirements of animals as sentient beings.
- (2) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament an annual report explaining how the duty in subsection (1) has been discharged.
- (3) For the purposes of this section –
 - (a) “animals” are any non-human vertebrates, any member of the Class *Cephalopoda* and any member of the Order *Decapoda*;
 - (b) “IP completion day” has the same meaning as in section 39 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020;
 - (c) “local authorities” has the same meaning as in the Localism Act 2011;
 - (d) “Ministers of the Crown” has the same meaning as in the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975;
 - (e) “relevant policy” is an agricultural, horticultural or forestry policy relating to the treatment of, or taking action in relation to, animals or their habitats.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new Clause incorporates into UK law the principles of Article 13 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union which recognises animals as sentient beings and requires governments to pay full regard to the welfare requirements of animals in formulating and implementing agricultural, horticultural or forestry policies.

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