

Agriculture Bill

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED ON REPORT

Clause 1

LORD NORTHBROOK

Page 2, line 27, leave out “either or both of”

Page 2, line 31, at end insert “; or

- (c) supporting the domestic production of food and other agricultural products to the extent the Secretary of State considers necessary to ensure a sufficient level of food security in the United Kingdom, having regard to the outcomes in the most recent report produced under section 17.”

Page 2, line 33, leave out subsection (4) and insert –

- “(4) In framing any financial assistance scheme, the Secretary of State must support the production of food by producers in England and encourage such production in an environmentally-friendly sustainable way.”

LORD TEVERSON

Page 3, line 2, after “agroecology” insert “and agroforestry”

Member’s explanatory statement

Agroforestry is separate but allied to agroecology by integrating trees into productive farming landscapes, including silvopasture, hedgerows with standards, coppice, orchards and farm woodland.

Clause 4

LORD TEVERSON

Page 5, line 15, leave out “seven” and insert “five”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment brings the timeline of the first plan into line with the likely length of subsequent plans, and accelerates the the transition from the old payments system to the new.

After Clause 16

LORD WIGLEY

Insert the following new Clause –

“Financial assistance

In considering the levels of financial assistance and design of financial assistance schemes under Part 1, the Secretary of State must have due regard to the support provided to, and operational environments of, agricultural businesses in other countries against which United Kingdom producers compete, or may compete, in the United Kingdom or other markets.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new Clause requires relevant ministers to bear in mind the need to endeavour to provide a level playing field for agricultural businesses when providing financial assistance.

Clause 32

LORD WIGLEY

Page 29, line 44, at end insert –

“provided that those functions do not extend to a geographical area or species outside the original remit of that body when established.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that Clause 32, as included in the Bill, does not undermine the democratic answerability of the devolved administrations.

After Clause 34

BARONESS FINLAY OF LLANDAFF

Insert the following new Clause –

“Application of pesticides: limitations on use in certain wind conditions

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations make provision for prohibiting the application of any pesticide for the purposes of agriculture at high wind speeds.
- (2) In particular, the regulations must make provision prohibiting the use of pesticides when wind speeds are high, near –
 - (a) any dwelling;
 - (b) any water source;
 - (c) any public or private building or space where members of the public may be present.
- (3) Regulations under this section must specify a minimum distance between any of the locations listed under subsection (2)(a) to (c).”

After Clause 34 - continued

Insert the following new Clause –

“Information regarding pesticide application

- (1) A person who is responsible for the application of pesticides for the purposes of agriculture must inform residents living within a certain radius of the pesticide application that such an application will be occurring.
- (2) It is an offence to fail to provide information of such pesticide application to residents, when the pesticides used are labelled as –
 - (a) “Very toxic by inhalation”,
 - (b) “Do not breathe spray, fumes or vapour”,
 - (c) “Harmful: possible risk of irreversible effects through inhalation”.
- (3) The Secretary of State must make regulations specifying the radius within which the provision of such information to residents is mandatory.”

Insert the following new Clause –

“Monitoring of pesticide application: upwind and downwind

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within six months of this Act being passed, publish proposals –
 - (a) to monitor the levels of pesticides and herbicides used for the purposes of agriculture in the air within 1 km upwind and downwind of pesticide application in areas near –
 - (i) any dwelling;
 - (ii) any water source;
 - (iii) any public or private building or space where members of the public may be present;
 - (b) to conduct research into methods of reducing the air levels of pesticides used for the purposes of agriculture upwind and downwind of where they are applied.”

After Clause 43

LORD WIGLEY

Insert the following new Clause –

“Financial assistance (Wales)

In considering the levels of financial assistance and design of financial assistance schemes under Schedule 5, Welsh Ministers must have due regard to the support provided to, and operational environments of, agricultural businesses in other countries against which Welsh producers compete, or may compete, in the United Kingdom or other markets.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The purpose of this Clause is to require relevant ministers to bear in mind the need to endeavour to provide a level playing field for agricultural businesses when providing financial assistance.

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