1957 No. 307

The Silo Subsidies (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1957

Made - - - - 26th February, 1957

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, being the appropriate Minister in relation to a joint scheme for England and Wales and Northern Ireland, in pursuance of Section 1 (1) of the Agriculture (Silo Subsidies) Act, 1956(a), and of all other powers him enabling, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following scheme, a draft of which has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

1. This scheme, which may be cited as the Silo Subsidies (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1957, shall apply to England and Wales and Northern Ireland.

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply to the interpretation of this scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

"agricultural unit" has as respects England and Wales the meaning assigned to it by section 109 (2) of the Agriculture Act, 1947(c), and as respects Northern Ireland means any land which is occupied as a unit for agricultural purposes;

"Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food;

"Silo" means a pit, clamp, trench or tower for the making of silage from grass or fodder crops and for the containing of silage so made.

3. Subject to the provisions of this scheme, where any works for the construction or improvement of a silo, being works of a kind and description specified in the schedule to this scheme, are or have been approved by the Minister within a period commencing with 19th November, 1956, and ending with 31st July, 1959, the Minister may pay in respect of the carrying out of any of the works so approved to any person to whom payments may be made under this scheme subsidies at the rates specified in the schedule to this scheme in relation to works of the kind and description so carried out.

4. Payment of subsidy may be made under this scheme in respect of any works to any person having an interest in the agricultural unit for the benefit of which the works were carried out who undertook the responsibility for carrying them out.

5. The aggregate amount of the payments which may be made under this scheme in respect of all works carried out thereunder on any one agricultural unit shall not exceed £250, of which sum not more than the amount set out

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 5. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48.

below in the first column shall be paid in respect of works specified in relation to that amount in the second column:—

Amount	Works
£250	Works in connection with the construction of a new roofed silo or silos
£125	Works in connection with the construction of a new silo or silos, being either unroofed or built under an existing roof
	Works in connection with the improvement of a silo or silos, being works lettered in the schedule to this scheme—
£125	A to F
£125	G to K

6. Where a payment out of moneys provided by Parliament under any Act other than the Agriculture (Silo Subsidies) Act, 1956, or out of moneys provided by the Parliament of Northern Ireland under any Act of that Parliament is available in respect of works for which a subsidy may be paid under this scheme, the Minister may take into consideration the amount available under such other enactment, and may reduce the amount payable under this scheme accordingly.

7. No works for the construction or improvement of a silo on any agricultural unit shall be approved by the Minister unless he is satisfied that the works will provide a suitable silo for the unit, that the construction or improvement of a silo on that unit will be in accordance with the requirements of good farming practice in the area, and that efficient use is likely to be made of the silo.

8. No works shall be approved for the purpose of this scheme in connection with the construction or improvement of a silo unless the silo after construction or improvement will be capable of containing in the case of a tower silo at least 50 tons of silage or in the case of any other kind of silo at least 20 tons of silage.

9. It shall be a condition of the making of a payment to any person under this scheme that that person—

(*a*) shall apply in writing, in such form and at such time as the Minister may require, for the approval by the Minister of any works he may propose to carry out;

(*b*) shall, before commencing the proposed works, have obtained the Minister's approval of them and shall obtain the consent of the Minister in respect of any substantial modification of them;

(*c*) shall, within a reasonable period after approval thereof by the Minister as aforesaid, carry out and complete the proposed works to the satisfaction of the Minister;

(*d*) shall give any person authorised by the Minister in that behalf reasonable facilities to inspect any works, whether during or after construction, or the site of any proposed works;

(*e*) shall produce, if asked to do so, any plans, estimates, invoices, receipts or other documents relating to the works and shall give in respect of the works all other information which the Minister may reasonably require for the purposes of the scheme.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this twenty-second day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

(L.S.) *D. Heathcoat Amory,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Approved this twenty-sixth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Peter Legh,
Harwood Harrison,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

SCHEDULE

Rates of Subsidy

	Kind of Works	*Description of Works*	*Rate of Subsidy*	*Unit*
A	*Earthworks*	Excavation below, or building up above, ground level	3s. 6d.	per cubic yard
B	*Drainage*		2s. 6d.	per linear yard
C	*Sides*	(*a*) Reinforced concrete, brickwork or stonework all constructed *in situ*	25s.	per square yard of superficial area
D		(*b*) Precast slabs of reinforced concrete or other material approved by the Minister	18s.	per square yard of superficial area
E	*Floor* (including apron)	(*a*) Concrete (minimum 4″ thick) surfacing a hardcore base	6s.	per square yard of superficial area
F		(*b*) Hardcore only (minimum 9″ thick) or other material approved by the Minister; or hardcore base for surfacing with concrete	3s.	per square yard of superficial area
		provided that no subsidy shall be paid in respect of any area of apron exceeding 50 per cent of the floor area of the silo or 50 square yards if this is greater.		
	Roof	(*a*) Asbestos, steel, aluminium or other material approved by the Minister with		
G		(i) stanchions and roof framework of steel, concrete or sawn timber	27s. 6d.	per square yard of superficial area covered
H		(ii) stanchions and roof framework of timber in the rough	18s.	per square yard of superficial area covered
J		(*b*) Moveable roofs	10s.	per square yard of superficial area covered
K	*Vertical Sheeting*	Screening one side or part of one side of a silo.	10s.	per square yard of superficial area.
L	*Tower Silo*	Construction of silo.	25s.	per cubic yard capacity.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Scheme, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Agriculture (Silo Subsidies) Act, 1956, authorises the making of schemes for the payment of subsidies in respect of the carrying out of works for the construction or improvement of silos for the making and containing of silage. This scheme made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food applies to England and Wales and Northern Ireland and makes provisions for the payment of subsidies at the rates set out in the schedule to the scheme in respect of specified works of construction or improvement. The scheme requires that any works shall be approved by the Minister and that the silos shall be able to contain at least 20 tons of silage or 50 tons in the case of a tower silo and that their construction shall conform with the requirements of good farming practice. It limits the amount which may be paid in subsidy in respect of works on any one farm to £250, of which sum not more than £125 may be paid in respect of the construction of new unroofed silos. It also limits the amounts which may be paid in respect of certain works of improvement to existing silos and contains provisions relating to the obtaining of the Minister's approval of the works and other incidental matters.

1957 No. 328 (S. 15)

The Silo Subsidies (Scotland) Scheme, 1957

Made - - - - 26th February, 1957

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsection (1) of section 1 of the Agriculture (Silo Subsidies) Act, 1956(a), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, I, being the appropriate Minister in relation to a scheme under the said section 1 for Scotland, hereby make the following scheme, a draft of which has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

1. This scheme may be cited as the Silo Subsidies (Scotland) Scheme, 1957.

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), applies to the interpretation of this scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say :—

" agricultural unit " has the meaning assigned to it by subsection (2) of section 86 of the Agriculture (Scotland) Act, 1948(c),

" silo " means a pit, clamp, trench or tower for the making of silage from grass or fodder crops and for the containing of silage so made.

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 5. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 45.