



**THE FARM AND HORTICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME 2006
(AMENDMENT) SCHEME 2008**

Approved by Tynwald : 12th March 2008

Coming into operation 1st April 2008

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Farm and Horticultural Improvement Scheme 2006 (Amendment) Scheme 2008 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2008.

Amendment of the 2006 Scheme

2. (1) The Farm and Horticultural Improvement Scheme 2006 shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions.

(2) In paragraph 2 –

(a) for the definition of "agriculture" substitute –

""agriculture" means activity as defined by the Department policy definition of agriculture as amended from time to time which is available from the Department;";

(b) in the definition of "livestock" omit the words "but does not include poultry kept for the purpose of poultry meat production"

(c) After the definition of "young farmers" insert the following paragraph –

"Notwithstanding the provisions set out in the definition of "young farmers" above, for the period from 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2010 that definition shall read as if for the figure "40" in paragraph (a) there were substituted the figure "42" and for the word "ten" in both paragraphs (c) and (d) there were substituted the word "twelve".

(3) At the end of Schedule 1 insert –

“Notwithstanding the provisions set down in paragraph 22 above, for the period from 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2011, where an application for the provision, replacement or improvement of permanent boundary fences and gates is made to the Department, the Department shall treat that claim as if for the figures 20% and 30% in columns 2 and 3 there were substituted the figure 50%.”

Made 18th February 2008

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Scheme)

This Scheme amends the Farm and Horticultural Improvement Scheme 2006 by -

- (a) replacing the definition of “agriculture” to reflect the agreed policy definition of the Department following a change in the way in which agricultural activity was defined in order to accommodate diversification in Manx agricultural practices;
- (b) amending the definition of livestock to allow claims under the Scheme to be made in respect of poultry production;
- (c) amending the definition of “young farmers” to provide for a period of two years an increase in the age of eligibility to 42 (previously 40) and for the period of support for that young farmer to be increased to 12 years (previously 10);
- (d) providing a 50% grant in respect of the provision, replacement or improvement of permanent boundary fences and gates for a period of three years commencing on 1st April 2008.