Scheme made by the Scottish Ministers, laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 29(2) of the Agriculture Act 1970, for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within forty days beginning with the day on which the Scheme was made, subject to extension for periods of dissolution or recess for more than four days.

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AGRICULTURE

The Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Grants) (Scotland) Amendment Scheme 2003

Made - - - -	*29th October 2003*
Laid before the Scottish Parliament - - - -	*31st October 2003*
Coming into force - -	*8th December 2003*

The Scottish Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred by section 29 of the Agriculture Act 1970(**1**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Grants) (Scotland) Amendment Scheme 2003, and shall come into force on 8th December 2003.

Amendment of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Grants) (Scotland) Scheme 2003

2.—(1) The Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Grants) (Scotland) Scheme 2003(**2**) is amended in accordance with the following provisions of this paragraph.

(2) In paragraph 5 (determination of applications)–

(a) in sub-paragraph (1)(c), for "sub-paragraphs (7) and" substitute "sub paragraph";

(b) sub-paragraph (3) is omitted;

(c) in sub-paragraph (6), for "the fifth anniversary of the coming into force of this Scheme" substitute "31st October 2005"; and

(**1**) 1970 c. 40. Section 29 was amended by section 10 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1972 (c. 62), section 15 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (c. 55) and Schedule 1 to the Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1986 (c. 12). Section 28 contains a definition of "the appropriate authority" and "the appropriate Minister". The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46). The requirement to obtain Treasury approval was removed by section 55 of the Scotland Act 1998.

(**2**) S.S.I. 2003/52.