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Addendum

UNITED KINGDOM

The United Kingdom submit the following notification concerning changes in its subsidy measures subsequent to the notification issued in 1967 in L/2742/Add.11.

AGRICULTURE

FARMING GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

Page 9(iii) Ploughing grants

After final sentence add:

"The £2.10s.0d. per acre grant was abolished as from 1 June 1967."

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After "(vii) Hill farming", add:

"(vii)A Hill Land Improvement Scheme

As from 10 August 1967 50 per cent grants are available under the Agriculture Act 1967 for improvements which will increase the productivity of hill land. In addition, a supplementary grant of 10 per cent of the cost of the work approved under field drainage schemes may be given to the extent that it benefits hill land."

Page 11(xi) Market Development Scheme

Second sentence, amend "31 March 1968" to read "31 March 1971."

Page 11(xii) Farmers Machinery Syndicates Grants Scheme

Delete paragraph.

Page 12(xiii) Agricultural Co-operatives

Delete paragraph.

Page 13

After "(xviii) Beef Cow Subsidy", add:

(xix) Farm structure

(a) Part II of the Agriculture Act 1967 provides for grants to improve farm structure by encouraging the voluntary amalgamation of small farms and the adjustment of farm boundaries. Under the Farm Amalgamation and Boundary Adjustments Scheme grant of half the cost may be paid towards the incidental expenses, such as legal and survey costs, of carrying out an approved farm amalgamation, and the consequent works and improvements to remodel the resulting farm. Similar grants are available towards the cost of improving farm boundaries.

(b) Under the Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) Scheme grants of a lump sum or an annuity for life, according to age, may be paid to owner-occupiers or tenants who give up farming as a result of an approved amalgamation. The lump sum grant ranges from £1,000-£2,100, and the annuity from £200-£275, depending on the amount of land given up.

The Schemes came into operation on 31 October 1967.

(xx) Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operatives

The Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation Scheme 1967, made under Part IV of the Agriculture Act 1967 came into operation on 3 October 1967. It replaced the previous grants for co-operation, the statutory provisions for which were repealed as from that date. (Grants will, however, continue to be paid in respect of proposals, etc., submitted under the previous schemes before 3 October 1967.) The new Scheme applies to the whole of the United Kingdom and is administered by the Central Council for Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation on behalf of the Agricultural Departments. It provides for grants for co-operation mainly in the production and marketing of primary agricultural and horticultural produce. Examples of activities and items of expenditure towards which grants are available are the setting up and initial operation of co-operative bodies, the provision of working capital, the cost of buildings and fixed equipment, the training and remuneration of managers and the carrying out of surveys and feasibility and business efficiency studies. The Council receives and considers proposals, makes recommendations as to approvals and rates of grant, reviews the progress of approved proposals, verifies applications for grant, and is authorized to make payments on behalf of Ministers. No grant expenditure was incurred under the Scheme in the financial year 1967/68 because approved applications had not progressed to the stage of completion, but during the year sums totalling £187,000 were paid in respect of various grant schemes for agricultural and horticultural co-operatives which have been superseded by this new Scheme.

Page 13 Horticulture

Delete "marketing" in lines 7 and 13 of this paragraph.

Page 13 Horticulture Improvement Scheme 1966

In line 11, after "co-operative marketing associations" add:

"which submitted applications under the Horticulture Improvement Scheme up to 3 October 1967".

In line 13, after "..... equipping producer's markets", add:

"From 3 October 1967 grants to horticultural co-operatives have been available under the Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation Scheme 1967 described at (xx) above."

Page 14 "Grants under section 4 of the Horticulture Act 1960"

Delete paragraph.

Page 14 "Grants under section 4 of the Agriculture and Horticulture Act 1964"

Delete paragraph.

FISHERIES

Page 15 I(a)(ii) Grants for the acquisition and improvement of fishing vessels

At end of paragraph add:

"It is no longer expected that grants for fishing vessels will cease by 1973. The proposed increases in rates of grant materialized in 1967.

Page 16 I(b)(i)(b)(1) Inshore vessels

Amend to read:

"Vessels between 35 and 60 feet commenced receiving voyage rates as from 1 August 1966 if the subsidy payments amounted or would, but for special circumstances beyond the control of the owners or charterer, have amounted in the year 1965 to at least £500 or in the year 1966 to £300 for either or both white fish or herring landed."

Page 16 I(b)(i)(b)(2) Trawler vessels

Amend to read:

" particular financial difficulties. Such payments are being made at certain ports and vary between £4 and £5 for the period 1 August 1967 to 31 January 1968."

FORESTRY

Page 18 (a)

Add:

The Forestry Acts 1919/1963 were consolidated in the Forestry Act 1967.

Page 18 (c) Amount of subsidy

The actual amount paid in grants for the year ended 30 September 1967, was 21,413,000.

Page 23 Annex 3

Insert the figures for 1967 as follows:

	(million lb.)	
Virgin wool - clean weight	1966	1967
Production ¹	86	85
Imports	355	356
Consumption	388	360 ³
Exports ²	49	44
Re-exports	12	11

¹Estimated.

²Including imported scoured etc. in the United Kingdom and wool from imported skins.

³Provisional.

FILMS

Pages 19-20

Delete these pages and substitute the following:

I. Nature and extent of the levy

(a) Background and authority

The receipts of British films are augmented from a Fund (The British Film Fund) which derives its revenues from a levy payable on cinema admissions. The statutory authority for this scheme is the Cinematograph Films Acts, 1957 and 1966. The scheme is a successor to a similar arrangement which was operated voluntarily by the various trade associations in the industry from 1950 to 1957, and ensures that a reasonable amount of British film production continues to come forward.

(b) Incidence

From 14 July 1968 the levy became payable at the rate of one ninth of the amount by which any payment for admission exceeds 1s.6d. Exemption from levy can be claimed where the total receipts at a cinema in any week do not exceed £400. Overall payments into the Fund in 1967 amounted to some 7½ per cent of total box office receipts.

(c) Amount of levy

The Act provides that the levy collected shall be not less than £2 million and not more than £5 million per year. In 1967 the levy amounted to about £4.5 million.

(d) Estimated amount per unit

The proceeds of the levy are divided between British films in proportion to their box office success in the home market.

II. Effect of levy

(a) Over the past five years United Kingdom feature film production has been maintained at a level of about seventy films a year.

(b) Statistics of production, consumption, imports and exports

(i) For the three most recent years for which statistics are available

Long films (over 72 minutes) registered by the Board of Trade.

TABLE A1

Year	British	Foreign
1964	70	236
1965	69	233
1966	70	259
1967	70	232

TABLE B1¹

Year	Total receipts from overseas in respect of earnings of cinematograph films	Total payments to overseas countries in respect of earnings of cinematograph films
1964	£7.5 million	not available
1965	£10.0 million	£16.7 million
1966	£11.5 million	£17.1 million

(ii) For a previous representative year, which, where possible and meaningful should be the latest period preceding the introduction of the subsidy or preceding the last major change in the subsidy

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TABLE A2

Year	British	Foreign
1950	74	308

TABLE B2¹

Year	Overseas earnings of British films actually remitted to the United Kingdom	Sums payable to producers of foreign films in respect of exhibition in the United Kingdom
1956	£3,972,000	£9,647,000

¹Because of changes in coverage the figures for 1956 and 1965 are not strictly comparable with the earlier years' totals quoted in Table B1.