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AGRICULTURE**The Farm Business Specification Order
(Northern Ireland) 1987***Made 9th December 1987**Coming into operation 1st January 1988*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 16(10) of the Agriculture and Fisheries (Financial Assistance) (Northern Ireland) Order 1987(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Farm Business Specification Order (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1988.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“farm-based industry” means—

- (a) the manufacture of craft items and tourist souvenirs;
- (b) food processing and the purification, carbonation and bottling of spring water;
- (c) the processing of timber;
- (d) the processing of agricultural produce for the purposes other than human or animal consumption; or
- (e) the repair and renovation of agricultural machinery.

“food processing” means the application of any process or treatment to agricultural produce for the purposes of human consumption but does not include—

- (a) the cleaning and trimming of raw fruit and vegetables to which no further process or treatment is applied and the packaging of such fruit and vegetables;
- (b) the slaughter of livestock and the skinning and gutting of animal carcasses;
- (c) any process or treatment applied for the purposes of the manufacture of wine; or
- (d) any process or treatment applied to cow’s milk for the purposes of the liquid consumption of that milk or for the purposes of the manufacture of any milk-based drink as defined in regulation 2 of

(a) S.I. 1987/166 (N.I. 1)

the Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(a), and any process or treatment applied to any such milk-based drink;

“livery” means the provision of accommodation and care for horses and ponies.

“sports” means any game or exercise other than field sports, horse riding and sports involving the use of motor vehicles, firearms or crossbows.

Specified farm businesses

3. The businesses described in the Schedule are hereby specified as businesses which (when carried on by a person also carrying on a business consisting in or partly in the pursuit of agriculture on the same or adjacent land) are included in the definition of “agricultural business” in Article 16(10) of the Agriculture and Fisheries (Financial Assistance) (Northern Ireland) Order 1987.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 9th December 1987.

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Specified Farm Businesses

1. Farm-based industry.
2. A farm shop being a shop primarily used for the sale of the produce of the agricultural business of which it forms part.
3. Direct sale to farm visitors of fruit and vegetables which the visitors pick themselves.
4. Provision of accommodation (including facilities for camping or caravanning), food and drink.
5. Provision of facilities for sports and recreation.
6. Provision of educational facilities relating to farming and the countryside and to farm-based industry.
7. Provision of livery.
8. Provision of horses and ponies for hire.
9. Letting of any land or buildings for the purposes of the carrying on of any business of a type specified above.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order specifies certain businesses which, when carried on by a person also carrying on a business consisting in or partly in the pursuit of agriculture on the same or adjacent land, are included in the definition of "agricultural business" in Article 16(10) of the Agriculture and Fisheries (Financial Assistance) (Northern Ireland) Order 1987. The specified businesses thus become eligible for farm capital grants which, under Article 16(1) of that Order, may be made in connection with the carrying on or establishment of an agricultural business.