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AGRICULTURE

The Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made 3rd July 1991

Coming into operation 31st July 1991

The Department of Agriculture, being a Department designated(a) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(b) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by that section and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 31st July 1991.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(c).

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(d) shall apply to these regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment

3. Regulation 2 (interpretation) of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:—

(a) for the definition of “designated map” there shall be substituted the following definition:

“ “designated map” means the map marked “map of less-favoured farming areas in Northern Ireland”, dated 8th May 1991, signed by the Secretary of State and deposited at the offices of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland at Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3SB”;

(b) for the definition of “eligible land” there shall be substituted the following definition:

(a) S.I. 1972/1811

(b) 1972 c. 68; section 2 is subject to Schedule 2 to that Act and is to be read with S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3) and S.R. (N.I.) 1984 No. 253

(c) S.R. 1987 No. 92, amended by S.R. 1987 No. 445, S.R. 1990 No. 36 and S.R. 1991 No. 58

(d) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

“ “eligible land” means an area of land of not less than three hectares, being land—

- (a) which is situated in an area included in the list of less-favoured farming areas adopted by the Council or the Commission of the European Communities under Article 2(2) of Council Directive No. 75/268/EEC(a) on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas, as amended by Council Directive 80/666/EEC(b), which list is contained in Council Directive 84/169/EEC(c), as amended by Commission Decision 91/25/EEC(d), and
- (b) which is severely disadvantaged land or disadvantaged land;”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 3rd July 1991.

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Assistant Secretary

(a) O.J. No. L128, 19.5.75, p. 1
(b) O.J. No. L180, 14.7.80, p. 34
(c) O.J. No. L82, 26.3.84, p. 67
(d) O.J. No. L16, 22.1.91, p. 25

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987, as amended, (“the principal Regulations”). The principal Regulations implement part of Council Directive No. 75/268/EEC (O.J. No. L128, 19.5.75, p. 1), as amended by Council Directive 80/666/EEC (O.J. No. L180, 14.7.80, p. 34) on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas, and comply with Articles 13 to 15 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 797/85 (O.J. No. L93, 30.3.85, p. 1) on improving the efficiency of agricultural structures, as amended.

These regulations extend the areas of land in respect of which compensatory allowances are payable, in accordance with Commission Decision 91/25/EEC (O.J. No. L16, 22.1.91, p. 25). Less-favoured areas are defined by reference to the designated map which is available for inspection during normal office hours at the address specified in the definition of “designated map” (regulation 3). Copies of the map may be inspected at any County Agricultural Development Office or selected Area Offices of the Department.