
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations make provision as respects Northern Ireland for the implementation of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1091/96 which authorises the United Kingdom, until 31st August 1996, to permit the grazing of bovine animals of more than 30 months on land set aside under Article 7 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1765/92 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops.

Regulation 3 provides for the granting of such permission where written notification of the intention to graze such animals is submitted to the Department, in such form as the Department may reasonably require, by the farmer of the set-aside land and the person wishing to graze such animals thereon, if different, and the Department has confirmed receipt of such notification to the farmer.

Regulation 4 provides for the consequences of such permission being granted, i.e. that such land will continue to be regarded as set-aside land for the purposes of the Arable Area Payments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R. 1995 No. 381), and that grazing in accordance with the permission will not in itself count as a breach of the management requirements for set-aside land specified in those Regulations.

Regulation 5 extends the powers granted to authorised persons by regulation 15 of those Regulations so as to enable them to inspect any bovine animals found on relevant land in order to ascertain compliance with the permission granted by regulation 3.

These Regulations come into operation on 26th June 1996 and expire on 31st August 1996.