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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1999 No. 498**

**AGRICULTURE**

**The Countryside Access (Amendment) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1999**

*Made* . . . . . 21st December 1999

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 31st December 1999

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development<sup>(a)</sup>, being a Department designated<sup>(b)</sup> for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(c)</sup> in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by that section, and by Article 3(1) and (2) of the Agriculture (Conservation Grants) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995<sup>(d)</sup> and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel, insofar as they relate to payments under regulation 8, hereby makes the following Regulations:

*Citation and interpretation*

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Countryside Access (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999, and shall come into operation on 31st December 1999.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954<sup>(e)</sup> shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

*Amendment to the Countryside Access Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996*

**2.** At the end of regulation 5 of the Countryside Access Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996<sup>(f)</sup> there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“(3) The Department shall not, in relation to any farmland or farm lane, accept an application for aid received by it after 31st December 1999.”

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(a) Formerly the Department of Agriculture  
(b) S.I. 1972/1811  
(c) 1972 c. 68  
(d) S.I. 1995/3212 (N.I. 21)  
(e) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)  
(f) S.R. 1996 No. 213 as amended by S.R. 1996 No. 609 and S.R. 1998 No. 368

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on 31st December 1999.

(L.S.)

*Liam McKibben*  
A Senior Officer of the  
Department of Agriculture  
and Rural Development

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby consents to the foregoing Regulations insofar as they relate to payments made under regulation 8.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 21st December 1999.

(L.S.)

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A Senior Officer of the  
Department of Finance  
and Personnel

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend the Countryside Access Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 as amended, which implement in part a zonal programme approved by the European Commission under Article 7 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2078/92 (O.J. No. L215, 30.7.92, p. 85) on agricultural production methods compatible with the requirements of the protection of the environment and the maintenance of the countryside, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2772/95 (O.J. No. L288, 1.12.95, p. 35), as in turn rectified by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1962/96 (O.J. No. L259, 12.10.1996, p. 7).

The amendment provides that the Department shall not accept any application for aid after 31st December 1999.

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