
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Scheme.)

This Scheme allows the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to pay grant for the provision, and replacement of facilities to collect and store farm animal waste and farm effluent and for the separation of rainwater from farm waste.

The grant is available at a rate of 40% on the first £85,000 of eligible expenditure incurred by an agricultural business for this purpose.

The Scheme also allows for financial limits on the amount of grant payable and provides for the consideration of applications for grant during a given period to be suspended if those limits are breached. It also allows for applications for grant to be rejected once the financial resources available for the Scheme are exhausted.

Before grant is paid, the expenditure to which it relates must be approved by the Department and there are restrictions on the approval of certain types of expenditure and further restrictions on the making of grant (Article 3(4), 5 and the Schedule).

The procedure for claiming grant is determined by the Department (Article 6).