

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2023 No. 210

AGRICULTURE

**The Direct Payments to Farmers (Cross-Compliance)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023**

Made - - - - *6th December 2023*
Coming into operation *1st January 2024*

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 48 and 50(3)(a) of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to, the Agriculture Act 2020⁽¹⁾.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Direct Payments to Farmers (Cross-Compliance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023 and shall come into operation on 1st January 2024.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954⁽²⁾ shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 1 in operation at 1.1.2024, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Amendment of The Direct Payments to Farmers (Cross-Compliance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022

2.—(1) The Direct Payments to Farmers (Cross-Compliance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022⁽³⁾ are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 1(2)(b), in the definition of “Direct Payment Scheme” –

(a) in paragraph (ii) for the full stop substitute “, or”;

(b) after paragraph (ii) add –

(1) 2020 c.21.
(2) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.).
(3) S.R. 2022 No. 240

“(iii) schemes for direct payment to farmers made under retained [Regulation \(EU\) No. 1305/2013](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No. 1698/2005(4).”.

3. In regulation 2, omit “in so far as it relates to direct payment schemes”.

Commencement Information

- I2** Reg. 2 in operation at 1.1.2024, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)
I3 Reg. 3 in operation at 1.1.2024, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Amendment of retained Commission Implementing [Regulation \(EU\) No. 809/2014](#)

4.—(1) Retained Commission Implementing [Regulation \(EU\) No. 809/2014\(5\)](#) with regard to the integrated administration and control system, rural development measures and cross compliance, is amended as follows.

(2) In Article 68, omit paragraph (4).

Commencement Information

- I4** Reg. 4 in operation at 1.1.2024, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on 6th December 2023

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(4) [EUR 2013 No. 1305](#)
(5) [EUR 2014 No. 809](#)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations enable the Department to amend Regulation [S.R. 2022 No. 240](#) – The Direct Payments to Farmers (Cross-Compliance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022 to include schemes for direct payment to farmers made under retained [Regulation \(EU\) No. 1305/2013](#). Regulation 4 amends retained Commission [Regulation \(EU\) 809/2014](#) to remove the requirement to increase the number of on-the-spot-checks for any act or standard revealing significant degree of non-compliance.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Direct Payments to Farmers (Cross-Compliance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023.