SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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AGRICULTURE

The Suckler Cow Premium Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000

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Laid before the Scottish	
Parliament	27th June 2000
Coming into force	1st July 2000

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(1) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Suckler Cow Premium Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 and shall come into force on 1st July 2000.

Amendment to the Suckler Cow Premium Regulations 1993

2. The Suckler Cow Premium Regulations 1993(**2**) are amended by the insertion of the following paragraphs after paragraph (3) of regulation 3:–

"(4) The Scottish Ministers may authorise any person to submit an application for premium by electronic means within the meaning of Article 5a of Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 3887/92 laying down detailed rules for applying the integrated administration and control system for certain Community aid schemes(3) last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2801/1999(4).

(5) An authorisation under paragraph (4) above-

- (a) shall be in writing, and may be made subject to conditions;
- (b) may be amended, suspended or revoked by notice in writing at any time;

^{(1) 1972} c. 68; section 2(2) was amended by the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46), Schedule 8, paragraph 15(3). The function conferred upon the Minister of the Crown under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972, insofar as within devolved competence, was transferred to the Scotlish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998.

⁽²⁾ S.I. 1993/1441, amended by S.I. 1994/1528, 1995/15, 1446, 1996/1488 and 1997/249.

⁽**3**) O.J. No. L 391, 31.12.92, p.36.

⁽⁴⁾ O.J. No. L 340, 31.12.99, p.29.

- (c) shall specify the method of transmission; and
- (d) shall specify the format in which the data shall be transmitted.
- (6) Applications by electronic means shall-
 - (a) contain the information as required by Article 5 of Regulation 3887/92 for applications;
 - (b) identify the applicant; and
 - (c) be submitted at any time during the period specified in paragraph (1) of this regulation.

(7) Applications by electronic means under paragraph 4 above shall be sufficient evidence of the matters stated therein or appearing therefrom in any legal proceedings.".

St Andrew's House, Edinburgh 26th June 2000

ROSS FINNIE A member of the Scottish Executive

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which form part of Scots law only, make an amendment to the Suckler Cow Premium Regulations 1993 (S.I.1993/1441, as already amended by S.I. 1994/1528, 1995/15, 1446, 1996/1488 and 1997/249).

The amendment is to allow applications for Suckler Cow Premium to be submitted electronically according to an authorisation to that effect by the Scottish Ministers.

The legal basis for that is Article 5a of Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 3887/92 laying down detailed rules for applying the integrated administration and control system for certain Community aid schemes which was inserted by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2801/1999 (O.J. No. L 340, 31.12.1999, p.29).

No compliance cost assessment has been prepared in respect of these Regulations.