

SCHEDULE 2

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

Option 2 – Permanent Grassland Reversion

1. As regards any land which is the subject of an agreement which is suitable for conversion from arable to permanent grassland and which—

- has been converted from arable to grassland under a previous agreement, or
- on 31st August 1991, was in arable cropping or had been in ley management for less than five years as part of an arable rotation—

- (1) Except where reversion to grassland has already taken place, the farmer shall cease arable production and establish a grassland sward within twelve months of the start of the agreement.
- (2) During a period of twelve months from the start of the agreement the farmer shall not apply—
 - (a) any organic or inorganic fertiliser,
 - (b) lime, slag or any substance designed to reduce the acidity of the soil,
 - (c) any pesticidewithout obtaining the Minister’s prior approval.