
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

1. These Regulations amend the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations 1994 (S.I.1994/2740, as already amended by S.I. 1995/100, S.I. 1995/1481 and S.I. 1995/2778). Like those Regulations these Regulations extend to Great Britain.

2. Regulation 3 of S.I. 1994/2740 is amended to reflect the new rates for compensatory allowances payable in respect of cattle and sheep.

3. Regulation 5(1)(d) is amended so as to restore the former maximum (9 ewes) governing the payment of compensatory allowances for sheep in respect of each hectare of disadvantaged land.

4. The definition of “ECU” in Regulation 2(1) is amended in the light of the consolidation of the relevant Community texts relating to this matter by Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3320/94 (OJ No. L350, 31.12.94, p.27).

5. The definition of “livestock unit” in regulation 2(1) is amended to reflect amendments made to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2328/91 (OJ No. L218, 6.8.91, p.1); the latest amendment was effected by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2387/95 (OJ No. L244, 12.10.95, p.50).

6. Articles 17 to 19 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2328/91 continue to provide the legal base for the making of compensatory allowances for sheep and cattle.

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