
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 920

AGRICULTURE

The Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Somerset Levels and Moors) Designation (Amendment) Order 1996

Made - - - - 25th March 1996
Laid before Parliament 27th March 1996
Coming into force - - 17th April 1996

Whereas, pursuant to section 18(1) of the Agriculture Act 1986⁽¹⁾, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has by order designated an area in the Somerset Levels and Moors as an environmentally sensitive area;

Now, therefore, the said Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 18(1) and (4)⁽²⁾ of the said Act, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the consent of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Order:

Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Somerset Levels and Moors) Designation (Amendment) Order 1996 and shall come into force on 17th April 1996.

Amendment

2.—(1) The Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Somerset Levels and Moors) Designation Order 1922⁽³⁾ shall be amended in accordance with paragraph (2) of this article.

(2) In article 6 (rates of payment under agreement).—

- (a) in paragraph (1), for “£125” there shall be substituted “£130”; and
- (b) in paragraph (2), for the table there shall be substituted the following table:

	“£ per hectare of land per annum
Schedule 2	215
Schedule 3	80

(1) 1986 c. 49. The expression “the Minister” is defined in section 18(11).
(2) Section 18(4) was amended by S.I. 1994/249.
(3) S.I. 1992/53, amended by S.I. 1994/251 and S.I. 1994/932.

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	“£ per hectare of land per annum
Schedule 4	415”.

Saving

3. Article 2 of this Order shall not apply in respect of any annual payment to a farmer which relates wholly or in part to any period before 1st April 1996.

25th March 1996

Tim Boswell
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

We consent,

21st March 1996

Simon Burns
Liam Fox
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her
Majesty’s Treasury

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Somerset Levels and Moors) Designation Order 1992 (S.I. [1992/53](#), amended by S.I. [1994/251](#) and S.I. [1994/932](#)) which designated an area in the Somerset Levels and Moors as an environmentally sensitive area, in compliance with Title VII of Council Regulation (EEC) No. [2328/91](#) (OJ No. L218, 6.8.91, p.1) on improving the efficiency of agricultural structures. This Order complies with Council Regulation (EEC) No. [2328/92](#) (OJ No. L215, 30.7.92, p.85) on agricultural production methods compatible with the requirements of protection of the environment and the maintenance of the countryside which superseded Council Regulation (EEC) No. [2328/91](#).

Subject to a saving provision, the Order amends the rates of payments to be made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food pursuant to a management agreement made under section 18(3) of the Agriculture Act 1986 (articles 2 and 3).

No Compliance Cost Assessment in relation to this Order has been prepared.