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1999 No. 1371

AGRICULTURE

The Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Exmoor) Designation (Amendment) Order 1999

| Made | 13th May 1999 |
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| Laid before Parliament | 20th May 1999 |
| Coming into force | 15th June 1999 |

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

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

Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Exmoor) Designation (Amendment) Order 1999 and shall come into force on 15th June 1999.

Interpretation

2. In this Order, "the principal Order" means the Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Exmoor) Designation Order 1993(c).

Amendment of the principal Order

3. In Schedule 2 to the principal Order (management activities), after item 11 there shall be inserted-

(a) in column 1-

"11A. Management of any kind referred to in items 1 to 11 above in respect of common land."; and

(b) in column 2, "5 (by way of supplement to the appropriate maximum rate)".

Saving

4. This Order shall not have effect for the purposes of any payment to be made under the principal Order in respect of any period before 1st May 1999.

⁽a) 1986 c. 49. The expression "the Minister" is defined in section 18(11).

⁽b) Section 18(4) was amended by S.I. 1994/249; sub-section 18(4A) was inserted by S.I. 1997/1457.

 ⁽c) S.I. 1993/83, amended by S.I. 1994/928, S.I. 1995/195, S.I. 1995/960, S.I. 1996/3104, S.I. 1997/1451, S.I. 1998/1295, S.I. 1998/1302 and S.I. 1998/2174.

Elliot Morley Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

12th May 1999

We consent,

Jane Kennedy Jim Dowd Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

13th May 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order further amends the Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Exmoor) Designation Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/83) ("the principal Order"), which designated an area in Exmoor as an environmentally sensitive area. The principal Order implemented Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2078/92 (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, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2772/95 (OJ No. L288, 1.12.95, p. 35), as in turn rectified by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1962/96 (OJ No. L259, 12.10.96, p. 7).

Subject to a saving provision, this Order provides for an increased maximum rate of payment where certain management activities are carried out in relation to common land.

No regulatory impact assessment has been made in respect of this Order.

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