STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 691

AGRICULTURE, ENGLAND

The Agriculture (Delinked Payments) (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2024

Made	-	-	-	-		22nd May 2024
Coming	into	force		-	-	13th June 2024

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 12(1) and 50(3) of the Agriculture Act 2020(1), makes the following Regulations.

In accordance with sections 12(8) and 50(6)(a) of that Act, a draft of this instrument was laid before, and approved by resolution of, each House of Parliament.

Citation, commencement, extent and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Agriculture (Delinked Payments) (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2024.

- (2) They—
 - (a) come into force on the day which falls 21 days after the date on which they are made.
 - (b) extend to England and Wales but apply in relation to England only.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, "the Delinked Payments Regulations" means the Agriculture (Delinked Payments and Consequential Provisions) (England) Regulations 2023(**2**).

Reductions to be applied to delinked payments for the year 2024

3.—(1) Before paying a delinked payment to any person under regulation 9(1) of the Delinked Payments Regulations (making delinked payments) for the year beginning on 1st January 2024, the Secretary of State must reduce the amount calculated in respect of that person under paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to those Regulations (calculation of delinked payments) by the appropriate reduction percentage or percentages specified for that year.

^{(1) 2020} c. 21.

⁽²⁾ S.I. 2023/1430.

(2) The appropriate reduction percentage or percentages referred to in paragraph (1) are the percentage amounts listed in the second column of the table under this paragraph when applied to the portion of the delinked payment described in the corresponding entry in the first column of that table.

Table

Portion of delinked payment	Reduction percentage to be applied to the corresponding portion of the delinked payment
£30,000.00 or less	50%
Amounts above £30,000.00 and no more than £50,000.00	55%
Amounts above £50,000.00 and no more than $\pounds 150,000.00$	65%
Amounts above £150,000.00	70%

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Modification of Part 3 of the Delinked Payments Regulations

4. In Part 3 of the Delinked Payments Regulations, references to a "delinked payment" are to be construed as references to the amount of any such payment as reduced by the reduction percentage or percentages that the Secretary of State is required to apply by virtue of regulation 3.

Mark Spencer Minister of State Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

22nd May 2024

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision in connection with the introduction of delinked payments by the Agriculture (Delinked Payments and Consequential Provisions) (England) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1430) ("the Delinked Payments Regulations"). They extend to England and Wales but apply in relation to England only.

Regulation 3 introduces a requirement on the Secretary of State to make reductions to the amount of a delinked payment calculated by the Secretary of State in respect of a person under paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Delinked Payments Regulations for the year beginning on 1st January 2024. The Secretary of State must reduce the portion of a delinked payment for a person specified in column 1 of the table under regulation 3(2) by the reduction percentage or percentages that are specified in the corresponding entry in column 2 of that table.

Regulation 4 modifies references to a "delinked payment" in Part 3 of the Delinked Payments Regulations so that they are to be construed as references to the amount of a delinked payment after the application of the reduction percentage or percentages applied by the Secretary of State to that payment by virtue of regulation 3.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.