

SCHEDULE 1

ADDITIONAL STANDARDS OF GOOD AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION THAT APPLY IN RELATION TO LAND SET ASIDE FROM PRODUCTION

PART A

Cutting or destruction of the green cover

6.—(1) In each field or part of a field to which one of the options mentioned in paragraph 1(1) is applied, a farmer must either —

- (a) subject to sub-paragraph (2), cut the green cover between 15 July and 15 August (inclusive) during the current set-aside period; or
- (b) destroy the green cover between 15 July and 31 August (inclusive) during the current set-aside period.

(2) A farmer may (where he cuts the green cover in a field or part of a field in accordance with sub-paragraph (1)(a)) in the case of a field which is to be set aside in the following year, leave uncut 25% of the area set aside in that field, provided that any area left uncut in accordance with this paragraph which has also been left uncut in the previous two years in accordance with this paragraph (or paragraph 7(2)(b) of Schedule 2 to the Arable Area Payments Regulations 1996) is cut in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) in the following year.