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**2021 No.**

**The Direct Payments to Farmers (Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021**

**Amendment of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 640/2014**

7.—(1) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 640/2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the integrated administration and control system and conditions for refusal or withdrawal of payments and administrative penalties applicable to direct payments, rural development support and cross compliance<sup>(1)</sup>, is amended, in so far as it relates to the direct payment schemes, as follows.

(2) In Article 2(1)—

(a) in point (1), omit the words from “and referred” to the end;

(3) In Article 5(2)(d), omit the words from “areas naturally” to “No 1307/2013”.

(4) In Article 6(3), for “2021” substitute “following the calendar year in question”.

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(1) EUR 2014/640, amended in relation to direct payment schemes by [S.I. 2020/90](#) and in relation to direct payment schemes in England by [S.I. 2020/551](#). EUR 2014/640 is also amended prospectively with effect from IP completion day by [S.I. 2019/765](#). However, by virtue of the amendments in The Agriculture (Payments) (Amendment, etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, these prospective amendments do not have effect in relation to direct payment schemes.