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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2021 No. 42**

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

**PART 8**

**Coupled Support**

**Amendment of the Direct Payments Regulation**

- 19.**—(1) The Direct Payments Regulation is amended as follows.
- (2) In Article 52—
- (a) in paragraph 6, omit “to be jointly agreed by the relevant authorities for each constituent nation” and insert “to be determined by the relevant authority.”;
  - (b) omit paragraph 7;
  - (c) for paragraph 9 substitute—

**“9.** In order to ensure efficient and targeted use of agricultural support and to avoid double funding under other similar support instruments, DAERA may make regulations laying down the conditions for granting coupled support.”
  - (d) in paragraph 10 for “Secretary of State” substitute “DAERA”;
  - (e) omit paragraph 11.
- (3) In Article 53, omit paragraph 6.

**Amendment of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 639/2014**

**20.**—(1) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 639/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and amending Annex X to that Regulation<sup>(1)</sup> is amended as follows.

- (2) In Article 52(1), omit “prior to exit day”.
- (3) For Article 53(2) substitute—
- “2.** Areas and yields and number of animals referred to in Article 52(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 shall be fixed by the relevant authority at a regional or sector level.”

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(1) EUR 2014/639 as amended by [S.I. 2020/91](#) and [576](#).