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**The Agriculture Improvement (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1987**

Made 9th December 1987

Coming into operation 1st January 1988

The Department of Agriculture, being a department designated(a) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(b) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Economic Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Agriculture Improvement (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1988.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(c) shall apply to these regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of the Agriculture Improvement Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987

2. The Agriculture Improvement Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(d) shall be amended in accordance with regulations 3 and 4.

3. For regulation 7 (closing date for submission of improvement plans) there shall be substituted the following regulation—

“7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Department shall not approve an improvement plan under these regulations where the plan is received after 31st December 1994, or such later date as the Department may in special circumstances permit.

(2) The Department shall not approve an improvement plan under these regulations which includes proposed expenditure in connection with any work, facility or transaction of a kind specified in paragraph 12 or 13 of column 1 of the Schedule where that plan is received after 1st January 1988.”.

(a) S.I. 1972/1811

(b) 1972 c. 68

(c) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(d) S.R. 1987 No. 156

4. For regulation 8 (variation and withdrawal of improvement plans) there shall be substituted the following regulation—

“8.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Department may, on the written request of the person currently responsible for the carrying on of an agricultural business to which an improvement plan relates, vary or withdraw the approval of that plan, where the request is made at least two years after the original approval of the plan.

(2) The Department may, on the written request of the person currently responsible for the carrying on of an agricultural business to which an improvement plan relates, vary or withdraw the approval of that plan at any time after the original approval of the plan provided that—

- (a) the plan includes proposed expenditure in connection with any work, facility or transaction of a kind specified in paragraph 12 or 13 of column 1 of the Schedule;
- (b) the request for variation or withdrawal of approval of the plan is received by the Department before 1st July 1988; and
- (c) the person who requests variation or withdrawal of approval of the plan has submitted a farm diversification plan for approval under the Farm Diversification Grant Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1987(a).”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 9th December 1987.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the Agriculture Improvement Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 in two respects as regards farm improvement plans which include proposed expenditure in connection with on-farm craft and tourism projects:—

- (a) the closing date for receipt of applications for approval of such farm improvement plans is brought forward to 1st January 1988 (regulation 3);
- (b) the Department is empowered, on written request, to vary or withdraw approval of such plans at any time after the date of original approval provided that the request is received by 1st July 1988 and the person making the request has submitted a farm diversification plan under the Farm Diversification Grant Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1987, S.R. 1987 No. 451 (regulation 4).

In future, grant aid for on-farm craft and tourism projects will be available under the Farm Diversification Grant Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1987.

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These Regulations have been made by the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with health in England, in Wales and in Scotland and the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, acting jointly as the Health Ministers in exercise of powers conferred by sections 75(1), 76(1), (2) and (6), 129(2) and (5) and 132(1) of the Medicines Act 1968.

In pursuance of paragraph 11 of Schedule 4 to that Act these Regulations have been registered as a Northern Ireland statutory rule under the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979. They are printed in full in the volume of United Kingdom Statutory Instruments for 1987 and have been numbered 2099 in that series.