
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Rural Stewardship Scheme
(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2005**

Amendment of Schedule 2 (management activities)

7. In Schedule 2 (management activities)–
- (a) in item 7 d for “twice” substitute “three times”;
 - (b) in item 7 e for “twice yearly treatments” substitute “three treatments a year”;
 - (c) in item 8 in column 2 (site requirements) for “Eligible arable land and improved grassland not eligible for Arable Aid Area payments” substitute “Arable land and improved grassland”;
 - (d) in item 8 c after “possible” insert “and must be seed of at least UK stock”;
 - (e) in item 13 in column 2 (site requirements) for “Eligible arable” substitute “Arable”;
 - (f) in item 13 b after “for” insert “at least”;
 - (g) in item 14 a in column 3 (management requirements) after “Ministers;” insert “or where the particular conservation interest of the site would not be met by the above approach, a livestock management and grazing regime should be set out in a grazing plan to be agreed with the Scottish Ministers”;
 - (h) in item 14 b in column 2 (site requirements) omit “a minimum overall width of 6 metres”;
 - (i) in item 14 c in column 2 (site requirements) omit “on any one side”;
 - (j) in item 14 f omit “and” where it occurs the second time;
 - (k) after item 14 g insert–
 - “; and
 - (h) where an alternative management regime is proposed, evidence to support its adoption must accompany the application, for example a letter of support from, or a reference to advisory material produced by, a recognised conservation organisation.”;
 - (l) in item 17 in column 2 (site requirements) for “environmental” substitute “conservation” and for “an overgrazing problem identified under the livestock subsidy schemes” substitute “any identified overgrazing problem”;
 - (m) in item 19 d for “twice” substitute “three times”;
 - (n) in item 19 e for “twice yearly treatments” substitute “three treatments a year”;
 - (o) in item 20 e after “Grazing” insert “or topping”;
 - (p) in item 28 omit item 28 b, c, d, and e and insert–

“b.

Where the particular conservation interest of the site would not be met by either of the above approaches, a livestock management and grazing regime should be

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- c. set out in a grazing plan to be agreed with the Scottish Ministers;
 - d. Standing dead timber must not be felled and dead timber must be left in the woodland;
 - e. Individual young trees must be provided with tree shelters where necessary;
 - f. Rhododendron growth must be controlled;
 - g. Non native tree species must be removed where these are detrimental to the character of the woodland and it is practical to do so. Any regrowth from the stumps must be suitably controlled in future years; and
 - g. Where an alternative management regime is proposed, evidence to support its adoption must accompany the application, for example a letter of support from, or a reference to advisory material produced by, a recognised conservation organisation.”;
- (q) in item 33 in column 2 (site requirements) for “the Arable Area Payments Regulations 1996(1) eligible” substitute “cereal, linseed, oilseed or protein”; and
- (r) after item 34(2) insert–

<p>“35. Creation and management of early and late cover for corncrakes.</p>	<p>Improved grassland or arable land on which damp conditions are created for the establishment of iris beds and other tall vegetation.</p> <p>Where iris is not available locally, other appropriate tall vegetation may be utilised, but only with the prior written agreement of the Scottish Ministers. Such sites must be adjacent to mown grassland managed for corncrakes under this scheme. The total area of early and late cover, which may be a combination of existing and created cover, must extend to at</p>	<p>(a) The site must be managed to ensure that it is normally in damp condition for a significant proportion of the year;</p> <p>(b) Only with the prior written agreement of the legal occupier, dig up and collect iris from existing beds. Mix the iris rhizomes with farmyard manure in at least equal proportions by volume and spread the</p>
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(1) S.I.1996/3142; revoked by S.S.I. 2005/143 subject to a savings provision in regulation 27.
 (2) Item 34 was inserted by S.S.I. 2004/109, regulation 2(2).

least 0.10 hectare, sited on one or more blocks of land adjacent to the mown grassland. The total area created and managed under this option must not exceed 1 hectare.

- mixture over the site to a depth of at least 20 centimetres;
- (c) No grazing is permitted between 28th February and 30th September, except with the prior written agreement of the Scottish Ministers;
 - (d) At other times, grazing must not exceed 0.3 livestock units per hectare, except with the prior written agreement of the Scottish Ministers; and
 - (e) Cutting of the area may only be undertaken with the prior written agreement of the Scottish Ministers.”.
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