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**AGRICULTURE**

**The Rural Development Contracts (Rural  
Priorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2008**

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The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of, and paragraph 1A of Schedule 2 to, the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(1)</sup> and all other powers enabling them to do so.

The Regulations make provision for a purpose mentioned in that section and it appears to the Scottish Ministers that it is expedient for the reference to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2092/91<sup>(2)</sup> on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto on agricultural products and foodstuffs and the reference to Article 4 and Annex III to Council Regulation (EC) No. 1782/2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers<sup>(3)</sup> to be construed as a reference to that first mentioned Regulation, and to said Article and Annex, as amended from time to time.

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- (1) 1972 c. 68. Section 2(2) was amended by the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46), Schedule 8, paragraph 15(3) and the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c. 51), section 27(1). The functions conferred upon the Minister of the Crown under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972, insofar as within devolved competence, were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998. Paragraph 1A of Schedule 2 was inserted by section 28 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006.
- (2) O.J. No. L 198, 22.07.1991, p.1. The last amending instrument at the making of these Regulations was Commission Regulation (EC) No. 123/2003, O.J. No. L 38, 13.02.2003, p.3. Recent amendments and a consolidated version are available online from the Department of Environment and Rural Affairs at [www.defra.gov.uk/farm/organic/standards](http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/organic/standards).
- (3) O.J. No. L 270, 21.10.2003, p.1 as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No. 146/2008 (O.J. No. L 46, 21.02.2008, p.1).