



# Agriculture Act 2020

## 2020 CHAPTER 21

### PART 1

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### CHAPTER 3

#### OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT AFTER EU EXIT

#### **17 Continuing EU programmes: power to provide financial assistance**

- (1) The appropriate national authority may give financial assistance to—
- (a) a person who is a party to an agreement entered into in accordance with any of the following provisions—
    - (i) the Rural Development Regulation,
    - (ii) any legacy rural development provision, or
    - (iii) Articles 32 to 35 of the Common Provisions Regulation (community-led local development), so far as relating to support for rural development,where the agreement has not concluded, or
  - (b) a producer organisation implementing an operational programme approved in accordance with the producer organisations aid provisions.
- (2) In this section—
- “appropriate national authority” means—
    - (a) the Secretary of State, in the case of an agreement entered into or an operational programme approved in accordance with any provision or provisions so far as having effect in relation to England;
    - (b) the Welsh Ministers, in the case of an agreement entered into or an operational programme approved in accordance with any provision or provisions so far as having effect in relation to Wales;

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- (c) the Scottish Ministers, in the case of an agreement entered into or an operational programme approved in accordance with any provision or provisions so far as having effect in relation to Scotland;
- (d) DAERA, in the case of an agreement entered into or an operational programme approved in accordance with any provision or provisions so far as having effect in relation to Northern Ireland;

“the Common Provisions Regulation” means [Regulation \(EU\) No 1303/2013](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund etc;

“legacy rural development provision” means any EU regulation, EU decision or EU tertiary legislation relating to support for rural development that preceded the Rural Development Regulation (including—

- (a) Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 of 20 September 2005 on support for rural development,
- (b) Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/99 of 17 May 1999 on support for rural development,
- (c) Council Regulation (EEC) No 2080/92 of 30 June 1992 instituting a Community aid scheme for forestry measures in agriculture,
- (d) Council Regulation (EEC) No 2078/92 of 30 June 1992 on agricultural production methods compatible with the requirements of the protection of the environment and the maintenance of the countryside, and
- (e) Council Regulation (EEC) No 1096/88 of 25 April 1988 establishing a Community scheme to encourage the cessation of farming);

“the producer organisations aid provisions” means—

- (a) Articles 32 to 38 of the CMO Regulation, which make provision about aid for fruit and vegetable producer organisations (“producer organisations aid”),
- (b) so far as relating to producer organisations aid, [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2017/891](#) of 13 March 2017 supplementing the CMO Regulation with regard to the fruit and vegetable, and processed fruit and vegetable, sectors, and
- (c) so far as relating to producer organisations aid, [Council Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/892](#) of 13 March 2017 laying down rules for the application of the CMO Regulation with regard to the fruit and vegetable, and processed fruit and vegetable, sectors;

“the Rural Development Regulation” means [Regulation \(EU\) No 1305/2013](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development.