
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations apply throughout Great Britain and come into force on 30th June 1993. They make provision for the administration and enforcement of the provisions for the payment of a premium for maintaining suckler cows, under Article 4d of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 805/68 and other relevant provisions in Commission Regulation (EEC) Nos. 3886/92 and 3887/92 (which are all defined in regulation 2(1)).

The Regulations—

- (a) specify the period for the submission of applications for premium and prohibit the submission of more than one application in any calendar year (regulation 3);
- (b) require applicants for premium to retain specified records and other documents (regulation 4);
- (c) confer on authorised persons powers of entry and inspection as well as powers of seizure and retention of records and require that such assistance be given to them as they may reasonably request (regulations 5 and 6);
- (d) specify circumstances in which premium paid to an applicant may be recovered by the appropriate Minister and prescribe the rate of interest payable on amounts recovered in specified circumstances (regulations 7 and 8); and
- (e) create offences, prescribe penalties, specify time limits for bringing prosecutions and make provision for dealing with offences committed by corporate bodies and Scottish partnerships (regulations 9 to 12).