
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

1. These Regulations make an amendment to the Suckler Cow Premium Regulations 1993 (S.I.1993/1441, as already amended by S.I. 1994/1528, S.I. 1995/15, S.I. 1995/1446 and S.I. 1996/1488). Like S.I. 1993/1441, these Regulations extend to Great Britain only.

2. The amendment is that, where the additional payments provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No. 2443/96 (OJ No. L333, 21.12.96, p. 2) are made to successful applicants for suckler cow premium, those payments are treated for the purposes of the bulk of those provisions of S.I. 1993/1441, as amended, which relate to financial control and enforcement as being suckler cow premium payments.

3. The legal base for the payment of suckler cow premium continues to be Article 4d of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 805/68 (OJ No. L148, 28.6.68, p. 24 (OJ/SE 1968, vol. I, p. 187)). Article 4d was inserted by Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2066/92 (OJ No. L215, 30.7.92, p. 49).

4. No compliance cost assessment has been prepared in respect of these Regulations.