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**The Moorland (Livestock Extensification) (Amendment)
Regulations 1999**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	<i>20th August 1999</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>24th August 1999</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>		<i>1st October 1999</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, being a Minister designated^(a) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972^(b) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the said section 2(2) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations—

Title and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Moorland (Livestock Extensification) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 and shall come into force on 1st October 1999.

Amendment of principal Regulations

2. The Moorland (Livestock Extensification) Regulations 1995^(c) shall be amended by the insertion in regulation 5 (restrictions on acceptance of applications), after paragraph (5), of the following paragraph—

“(6) The Minister shall not accept any application for aid in respect of any extensification period beginning on or after 1st October 2000.”.

20th August 1999

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Minister of State,
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(a) S.I. 1972/1811.

(b) 1972 c. 68.

(c) S.I. 1995/904, amended by S.I. 1996/2393, 3110.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend only to England and come into force on 1st October 1999, provide for the closure of the moorland extensification aid scheme established by the Moorland (Livestock Extensification) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/904) (the “principal Regulations”). The principal Regulations, which were made in compliance with Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2078/92 (OJ No. L215, 30.7.92, p. 85) on agricultural methods compatible with the requirements of protection of the environment and the maintenance of the countryside (amended by Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 2772/95 (OJ No. L288, 1.12.95, p. 35)), provide for payments of aid to farmers who reduce their flocks of ewes.

Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2078/92 is repealed, subject to a saving in respect of any actions approved by the Commission of the European Communities under it before 1st January 2000, by Council Regulation (EC) No. 1257/1999 (OJ No. L160, 26.6.1999, p. 80) on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) and amending and repealing certain Regulations.

These Regulations do not affect the operation of the aid scheme established by the principal Regulations in relation to any person who is a participant (“beneficiary”) in that scheme or who is entitled under regulation 7(1)(b) of the principal Regulations to give an undertaking to comply with the extensification obligations assumed by the original occupier.

No Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared in respect of these Regulations.

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