

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N o 639/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and amending Annex X to that Regulation

[^{F1}CHAPTER 1

SCOPE AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 2

Provisions related to definitions in Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013

[^{F1}]^{F2}Article 4

Framework for criteria on maintaining the agricultural area in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation

1. For the purposes of the point (ii) of Article 4(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013, the criteria that farmers are to meet in order to fulfil the obligation to maintain the agricultural area in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation without preparatory action going beyond usual agricultural methods and machineries shall be established by [^{F3}the relevant authority] in either or both of the following ways:

- (a) [^{F4}the relevant authority requires] at least one annual activity to be carried out by a farmer. Where justified for environmental reasons, [^{F5}the relevant authority] may decide to recognise also activities that are carried out only every second year;
- (b) [^{F6}the relevant authority sets] out the characteristics to be met by an agricultural area in order to be deemed maintained in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation.

2. When establishing criteria referred to in paragraph 1, [^{F7}the relevant authority] may distinguish between different types of agricultural areas.]]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Regulation revoked (E.) (1.1.2024) by [The Agriculture \(Delinked Payments and Consequential Provisions\) \(England\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1430\)](#), reg. 1(2)(a), **Sch. 3 para. 1** Table 1 (with Sch. 3 Pt. 2)
- F2** Art. 4 omitted (E.) (1.1.2021) by virtue of [The Direct Payments to Farmers \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1513\)](#), regs. 1(2), **3(4)**; and Art. 4 omitted (N.I.) (23.2.2021) by virtue of [The Direct Payments to Farmers \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(S.R. 2021/40\)](#), regs. 1(1), **3(2)**
- F3** Words in Art. 4(1) substituted (31.1.2020) by [The Rules for Direct Payments to Farmers \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/91\)](#), regs. 1(2), **10(4)(a)(i)**
- F4** Words in Art. 4(1)(a) substituted (31.1.2020) by [The Rules for Direct Payments to Farmers \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/91\)](#), regs. 1(2), **10(4)(a)(ii)(aa)**

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- F5** Words in Art. 4(1)(a) substituted (31.1.2020) by [The Rules for Direct Payments to Farmers \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/91\)](#), regs. 1(2), **10(4)(a)(ii)(bb)**
- F6** Words in Art. 4(1)(b) substituted (31.1.2020) by [The Rules for Direct Payments to Farmers \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/91\)](#), regs. 1(2), **10(4)(a)(iii)**
- F7** Words in Art. 4(2) substituted (31.1.2020) by [The Rules for Direct Payments to Farmers \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/91\)](#), regs. 1(2), **10(4)(b)**

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