
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Direct Payments to Farmers (Review of Decisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954⁽¹⁾ shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

(2) In these Regulations—

“application” means an application for a review of a relevant decision made under regulation 3 and “applicant” shall be construed accordingly;

“Department” means the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs;

“relevant decision” means a relevant decision made by or on behalf of the Department in connection with any Direct Payment Scheme;

“initial determination” means an initial determination made by or on behalf of the Department in connection with any application;

“Direct Payment Scheme” means—

- (a) a scheme for direct payment to farmers made under [Regulation \(EU\) No 1305/2013](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)⁽²⁾;
- (b) a scheme for direct payment to farmers made under [Regulation \(EU\) No 1307/2013](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy⁽³⁾; or
- (c) a scheme for direct payment to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the Agriculture Act 2020;

“Panel” means a group of persons (not exceeding three members) appointed by the Department to consider an application.

(1) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.).

(2) EUR 2013/1305.

(3) EUR 2013/1307 as amended by [S.I. 2020/91](#), [S.I. 2020/576](#) and [S.I. 2020/760](#). This Regulation was incorporated into domestic law by section 1 of the Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Act 2020 (c. 2.).