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The Rural Development Contracts (Rural Priorities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008

Citation, commencement and extent

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Rural Development Contracts (Rural Priorities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 and come into force on 28th June 2008.

Amendment of the Rural Development Contracts (Rural Priorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2008

2. The Rural Development Contracts (Rural Priorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2008(1) are amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 7.

Amendment to regulation 2

3. In regulation 2 (interpretation) for the definition of "area related options" substitute— "area related options" means those rural priorities options numbered 15 to 57, 60 and 61 and 74 to 77 in Schedule 2;".

Amendment to regulation 9

4. In regulation 9 (undertakings) in paragraphs (5) and (6), after "numbered 15 to 57" insert "and 74 to 77".

Amendment to regulation 12

5. In regulation 12 (claims and payment) in paragraph (3)(a), after "area related options" insert "(except those area related options numbered 74 to 77)".

Amendment to Schedule 1

- **6.** In Schedule 1 (interpretation of schedules) after the definition of "farmed deer" insert—
 - ""favourable condition" means in relation to the features for which SSSI sites or European sites are designated that such sites are (1) in satisfactory condition as determined by SNH or (2) recovering, with the necessary management measures in place, such that SNH predicts that such sites will in due course reach satisfactory condition;".

Amendment to Schedule 2

- 7. In Schedule 2 (rural priorities options)—
 - (a) in rural priorities option numbered 57 (specialist agri environment plan) in column 2, after "numbered 15 to 56" insert "and 74 to 77"; and

(b) at the end of the table in Part 1 (Option, Activities and Eligibility Conditions and Rates of Payment), insert the entries for the four options set out in columns 1, 2 and 3 of the Schedule to these Regulations.

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