

SCHEDULE 5

Regulations 3, 4 and 5

COASTAL HEATH

Regulation 4(2)(a) and 5

PART I

SPECIAL CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ELIGIBLE LAND

1. The habitat site or, where the site is situated on more than one piece of land, the sum of the areas of such pieces of land, shall extend to at least 1 hectare.
2. The habitat site must be adjacent to the coast or to existing coastal heathland and contain suppressed native herbs or heathy shrubs.
Regulations 3(3) and 5

PART II

MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. The farmer shall not treat the habitat site with fertiliser (including farmyard manure and slurry), lime, herbicides or pesticides, except for weed wiper or spot control of statutory weeds using non-residual herbicides. With the prior consent of the Secretary of State, other application methods may be used and other plants may also be treated with a non-residual herbicide.
2. The farmer shall specify a mowing regime which shall take into account the interests of wildlife.
3. The farmer shall encourage the natural regeneration of coastal heathland species typical of the area in which the habitat site is situated. Where natural regeneration is unsuccessful he shall introduce appropriate species typical of the locality with the prior written consent of the Secretary of State.
4. The farmer shall provide details of any proposals for grazing the habitat site. These must be compatible with the establishment or improvement of the habitat site.
5. The farmer shall avoid damaging the habitat site by agricultural improvement works, ploughing, new drainage works or cultivations.
6. The farmer shall not damage, destroy or remove dykes, walls, hedges, traditional weatherproof farm buildings or features of historical or archaeological interest or value, lochs, ponds or streams on or adjacent to the habitat site.
7. The farmer shall not manage adjacent land so as to adversely affect the conservation value of the habitat site.