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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 695**

**The Countryside Stewardship Regulations 1996**

**Notification of change of occupation**

**8.—(1)** A stewardship agreement holder (or, if he has died, his personal representative) shall notify the Minister in writing of any change in the occupation of the agreement land or any part of the agreement land where the change occurs while the stewardship agreement is in force.

(2) Notification under this regulation shall be given within three months after the change of occupation concerned, or, where the stewardship agreement holder has died and no personal representative has been appointed within three months, as soon as is practicable after the appointment of a personal representative.

(3) Where there has been a change of occupation of all or part of any agreement land (whether subject to a stewardship agreement or a former scheme agreement), and the Minister enters into a stewardship agreement for the remainder of the term of the original agreement with the new occupier in relation to the land occupation of which has changed, then that stewardship agreement shall, for the purposes of calculating agreement years, be deemed to have commenced on the date on which the original agreement commenced.