

SCHEDULE 6

Articles 4(2) and 5(4)

REQUIREMENTS AS TO PUBLIC ACCESS

As regards any access route which is subject to the agreement, requirements to the effect that—

- (a) the farmer shall make the access route available for public access at no charge;
- (b) the farmer shall maintain free passage over the access route;
- (c) the farmer shall not erect new fences on or adjacent to the access route without the prior written approval of the Minister;
- (d) the farmer shall keep the access route and fields crossed by it free of litter and other refuse;
- (e) the farmer shall exclude bulls from the access route and fields crossed by it, except for any bull which—
 - (i) does not exceed the age of 10 months, or
 - (ii) is not of a recognised dairy breed and is at large in any field or enclosure in which cows and heifers are also at large;
- (f) the farmer shall provide and maintain adequate means of entry to the access route;
- (g) the farmer shall affix and maintain appropriate signboards and waymarking;
- (h) the farmer shall not without the Minister's prior written approval permit any of the following activities on the access route or on fields crossed by it—
 - (i) camping,
 - (ii) caravanning,
 - (iii) lighting of fires,
 - (iv) organised games or sports,
 - (v) riding of motor vehicles (except for those used for agricultural operations on the land subject to the agreement);
- (i) the farmer shall agree in advance with the Minister in writing whether or not the riding of horses or cycles shall be permitted on the access route, and shall not permit such activities other than to the extent so agreed;
- (j) the farmer shall not close the access route to the public other than for a specified number of days, to be agreed with the Minister in writing and in advance and, where the access route is closed as so agreed, shall ensure that signs giving notice of the intended closure and the reasons for it are posted at each entry point to the access route at least two weeks in advance of the date of closure; and
- (k) the farmer shall agree in advance with the Minister in writing public liability insurance cover and shall maintain it for the duration of the agreement.