

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
**THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY SINGLE PAYMENT SCHEME (SET-
ASIDE)(ENGLAND)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2007**

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1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Description

2.1 This instrument amends the Common Agricultural Policy Single Payment and Support Schemes (Set-aside) (England) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/3385) which came into force on 15 January 2005 and which is available on the [HMSO website](#) with its accompanying [Explanatory Memorandum](#).

2.2 The purpose of S.I. 2004/3385 is to enable the Secretary of State to establish provisions in relation to the obligation for farmers to set aside land under the Single Payment Scheme as they relate to England under legislation giving effect to the reformed common agricultural policy (“CAP”). It sets out the provisions necessary in respect of the management conditions for set-aside land. These provisions are broadly similar to those which formerly operated under the Arable Area Payments Regulations 1996 (as amended).

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 None

4. Legislative Background

4.1 This instrument is being made to amend S.I. 2004/3385, which came into force on 15 January 2005.

4.2 The amendments are intended to:

- Update the references to the Community instruments in S.I. 2004/3385 to references to the Community instruments as amended at the date these Regulations are made;
- provide for future amendments to this Community legislation to be incorporated into domestic law;
- update the reference to the Compendium of Organic Standards;

5. Territorial Extent and Application

5.1 This instrument applies to England.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

7.1 The policy background to the principal Regulations is referred to at paragraph 2.2

8. Impact

8.1 A full Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this amendment as there is no policy change involved and because no impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen. A full Regulatory Impact assessment was completed for The Common Agricultural Policy Single Payment and Support Schemes Regulations 2005 and is available at the [HMSO website](#).

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