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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations partially implement Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (OJ No L 277, 21.10.05, p1) on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 (OJ No L 160, 26.6.99, p80) on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), in so far as those Council Regulations relate to less favoured areas.

These Regulations define the conditions of eligibility for hill farm allowance (regulations 5 and 6). Such allowance is payable only in relation to severely disadvantaged land (and for not more than 700 hectares), at the rates set out in regulation 7 and Schedule 3. Severely disadvantaged land means any area of land shown coloured pink on the England LFA maps.

The information recorded in the “Volume of maps of less-favoured farming areas in England” and the “Moorland Map of England 2007” has been updated and recorded respectively in the “Less Favoured Area Map of England 2009” and the “Moorland Map of England 2009”. Regulations 3 and 4 explain how eligibility will be calculated by reference to those maps.

These Regulations apply only in relation to holdings situated wholly or partly in England. Schedule 5 makes provision for holdings situated partly outside England.

Copies of the Rural Development Programme for England 2007-2013 are available at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/publications/pubcat/rural.htm#erdp> and from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Information Resource Centre, Ergon House, Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AL.

An impact assessment has not been prepared because the changes to the existing hill farm allowance scheme introduced by these Regulations will have a negligible additional impact on business and the voluntary sector.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to The Hill Farm Allowance Regulations 2010. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Regulations revoked by [2023 c. 28 Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#)