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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 1556**

**The Direct Payments to Farmers and Rural  
Affairs (Miscellaneous Amendments  
etc.) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

**PART 2**

**Direct Payments: Horizontal Legislation**

**Amendment of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 908/2014**

**6.—**(1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 908/2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to paying agencies and other bodies, financial management, clearance of accounts, rules on checks, securities and transparency<sup>(1)</sup> is amended, insofar as it relates to direct payments, as follows.

(2) In Article 4(1)—

- (a) omit point (i);
- (b) in point (ii), omit “on a single website”.

(3) Omit Article 11.

(4) In Article 27(1), for “EUR 5” substitute “£5.00”.

(5) In Article 28—

- (a) omit “established in accordance with national law”;
- (b) omit the words from “under direct” to “Development”.

(6) For Article 41(1) substitute—

“**1.** The relevant authorities may decide to reduce the minimum level of on-the-spot checks in accordance with Article 59(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013. For the reduced control rate to apply, the paying agency must confirm that—

- (a) the internal control system is functioning correctly; and
- (b) the error rate for the population concerned was below the materiality threshold of 2.0%.”

(7) In Article 58, for “third” substitute “second”.

(8) Omit Article 62.

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(1) EUR 2014/908, amended in relation to direct payment schemes by [S.I. 2020/90](#). EUR 2014/908 is also amended prospectively with effect from implementation period completion day by [S.I. 2019/765](#). However, by virtue of the amendments in the Agriculture (Payments) (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, these prospective amendments do not have effect in relation to direct payment schemes.