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**The Direct Payments to Farmers Single Application Amendment
Date (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations (Northern
Ireland) 2020**

Made - - - - *15th May 2020*

Coming into operation - *31st May 2020*

The Department of Environment, Agriculture and Rural Affairs in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 78(b) of Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy(a) makes these Regulations.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Direct Payments to Farmers Single Application Amendment Date (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 and come into operation on the 31st May 2020.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(b) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

(3) In these Regulations, “claim year 2020” is to be interpreted in accordance with section 1(7) of the Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Act 2020(c).

Amendment of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 809/2014

2. For the purposes of claim year 2020, the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 809/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the integrated administration and control system, rural development measures and cross compliance(d) applies as if in Article 15(2), for “31 May of the year concerned” there were substituted “9 June 2020”.

(a) Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013 (O.J. No. L347, 20.12.2013, p. 549), in so far as relating to the direct payment schemes for claim year 2020, was incorporated into domestic law by the Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Act 2020 (c. 2). Article 78 was amended by regulation 7(16)(a) of S.I. 2020/90 so that it is exercisable by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (see Article 115D of Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013 as substituted by S.I. 2020/90). There are other amendments to Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013 but they are not relevant to these Regulations.

(b) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.).

(c) 2020 c. 2.

(d) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 809/2014 (O.J. No. L227, 31.7.2014, p. 69), in so far as relating to the direct payment schemes for claim year 2020, was incorporated into domestic law by the Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Act 2020 (c.2). Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 809/2014 was amended by regulation 14 of S.I. 2020/90. There are other amending instruments but none are relevant to these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on the 15th May 2020.



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Regulation 2 modifies the application of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 809/2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013 with regard to the integrated administration and control system, rural development measures and cross compliance for claim year 2020.

Regulation 2 modifies Article 15(2) to extend the deadline for making amendments to a single application or payment claim from 31 May 2020 to 9 June 2020.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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