STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2025 No. 161

AGRICULTURE

The Agricultural Schemes (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025

Made - - - -	*2nd October 2025*
Coming into operation	23rd *October 2025*

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs(**a**), with the approval of the Department of Finance(**b**), makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 5(2B), 6(1)(f) and 9 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(**c**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Agricultural Schemes (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025 and shall come into operation on 23rd October 2025.

Amendment of the Beef Carbon Reduction Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023

2.—(1) The Beef Carbon Reduction Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023(**d**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(interpretation), for the definition of "authorised person" substitute –

> ""authorised person" means any person authorised by the Department to act under section 40(1) of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949 in matters relating to these Regulations;".

(3) Omit regulation 11 (offences and penalties).

Amendment of the Suckler Cow Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025

3.—(1) The Suckler Cow Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025(**e**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation (2) (interpretation), for the definition of "authorised person" substitute –

> ""authorised person" means any person authorised by the Department to act under section 40(1) of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949 in matters relating to these Regulations;".

(**a**) The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland became the Department of Agriculture for Northen Ireland by the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 c.36 section 40 and Schedule 5 paragraph 8(1); Renamed as the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development by the Departments (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 S.I. 1999/283 (N.I1) Article 3(4) and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 c.5 (N.I.) section 1(2)

(**b**) The "Ministry of Finance" is now the "Department of Finance"; see section 1(4) of the Departments Act (NI) 2016 c.5 (N.I)

(**c**) 1949 c.2 (N.I.)

(**d**) S.R. 2023 No. 212

(**e**) S.R. 2025 No. 41

(3) Omit regulation 11 (offences and penalties).

Amendment of the Horticulture Pilot Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025

4.—(1) The Horticulture Pilot Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025(**a**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation), for the definition of "authorised person" substitute –

> ""authorised person" means any person authorised by the Department to act under section 40(1) of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949 in matters relating to these Regulations;".

(3) Omit regulation 10 (offences and penalties).

(**a**) S.R. 2025 No. 103

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on 2nd October 2025



Richard Johnston
A senior officer of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

The Department of Finance approves the forgoing Regulations

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance on 2nd October 2025



Patrick Neeson
A senior officer of the Department of Finance

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend

The Beef Carbon Reduction Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023;

The Suckler Cow Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025; and

The Horticulture Pilot Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025,

to amend the definition of authorised persons acting under section 40 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949 and to remove the regulations relating to criminal offences and penalties.

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