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The Countryside Stewardship (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Made - - - -	*14th January 2021*
Laid before Parliament	*15th January 2021*
Coming into force - -	*8th February 2021*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations, with the consent of Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 98 of the Environment Act 1995(**a**).

Citation, commencement, extent and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Countryside Stewardship (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 and come into force on 8th February 2021.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales but apply to England only.

Amendments to the Countryside Stewardship (England) Regulations 2020

2.—(1) The Countryside Stewardship (England) Regulations 2020(**b**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 5(3)—

(a) after "agreement" insert "only";

(b) for "any" substitute "an".

(3) Omit regulations 14, 16(6)(b) and 16(8).

(4) In regulation 15, omit the words from ", together with" to "regulation 14,".

(5) In the Schedule—

(a) in Part 2, in the table—

(i) under the heading "8. Uplands", after the entry "(f) Upland livestock exclusion supplement" insert—

"(g) Management of wood pasture and parkland	Management of existing upland wood pasture and parkland	£212 per ha
(h) Restoration of wood pasture and	Restoration of upland wood pasture	£316 per ha

(**a**) 1995 c.25, as amended by the Scotland Act 1998 (Consequential Modifications) (No.2) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/1820). Section 98(5) defines the appropriate Minister. The functions of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (which related only to England) were transferred to the Secretary of State by virtue of article 2(2) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Dissolution) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/794).

(**b**) S.I. 2020/41.

parkland	and parkland	
(i) Creation of wood pasture	Creation of new upland wood pasture	£333 per ha”;

(ii) under the heading “9. Woodland and scrub”, in the entry “(f) Creation of wood pasture”, in the second column, after “new” insert “lowland”;

(b) in Part 3, in the table—

(i) under the heading “4. Fencing and gates”, after the entry “(j) Deer exclosure plot” insert—

“(ja) Deer pedestrian gate	Installation of deer pedestrian gate	£271.50 per unit
(jb) Deer vehicle gate	Installation of deer vehicle gate	£344.60 per unit”;

(ii) for the heading “4. Forestry” substitute “4A. Forestry”;

(iii) under the heading “9. Soil and water”—

(aa) in the entry “(ac) Self-supporting covers for slurry stores”, in the first two columns, after “slurry” insert “and anaerobic digestate”;

(bb) in the entry “(ad) Floating covers for slurry stores and lagoons”, in the first two columns, after “slurry” insert “and anaerobic digestate”;

(iv) under the heading “12. Wildlife boxes”, after the entry “(c) Large wildlife box” insert—

“**13. Air quality**

(a) Automatic slurry scraper	Installation of automatic slurry scraper	£2760 per unit
(b) Low ammonia emission flooring for livestock buildings	Installation of low ammonia emission flooring for livestock buildings	£72 per sq m”.

Victoria Prentis
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
14th January 2021 Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

We approve

Michael Tomlinson
David Rutley
14th January 2021 Two of the Lord Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which apply to England only, are made pursuant to section 98 of the Environment Act 1995.

Regulation 2 makes amendments to the Countryside Stewardship (England) Regulations 2020. Paragraph (2) prohibits the transfer of capital-only countryside stewardship agreements. Paragraphs (3) and (4) omit regulations that grant the Secretary of State powers to charge interest on recoveries and a fee for appeals. Paragraph (5) adds new activities that are eligible for funding.

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

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