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The Agriculture (Delinked Payments) (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2026

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Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(2)

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 12(1) and 50(3) of the Agriculture Act 2020(**a**).

In accordance with sections 12(8) and 50(6)(a) of that Act, a draft of this instrument was laid before, and approved by resolution of, each House of Parliament.

Citation, commencement, extent and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Agriculture (Delinked Payments) (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2026.

(2) They—

(a) come into force on the day which falls 21 days after the date on which they are made;

(b) extend to England and Wales but apply in relation to England only.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, the "Delinked Payments Regulations" means the Agriculture (Delinked Payments and Consequential Provisions) (England) Regulations 2023(**b**).

Reductions to be applied to delinked payments for the years 2026 and 2027

3.—(1) Before paying a delinked payment to any person under regulation 9(1) of the Delinked Payments Regulations (making delinked payments) for—

(a) the year beginning on 1st January 2026; or

(b) the year beginning on 1st January 2027,

(**a**) 2020 c. 21.
(**b**) S.I. 2023/1430.

the Secretary of State must reduce the amount calculated in respect of that person under paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to those Regulations (calculation of delinked payments) by the appropriate reduction percentage or percentages specified in relation to that year.

(2) The appropriate reduction percentage or percentages referred to in paragraph (1) are the percentage amounts listed in the second column of the table under this paragraph when applied to the portion of the delinked payment described in the corresponding entry in the first column of that table.

Table

Reductions to be applied to delinked payments for each of the years 2026 and 2027

Portion of delinked payment	*Reduction percentage to be applied to the corresponding portion of the delinked payment for 2026 and 2027*
£30,000.00 or less	98%
Amounts above £30,000.00	100%

Modification of Part 3 of the Delinked Payments Regulations

4. For the purposes of a delinked payment payable to any person under regulation 9(1) of the Delinked Payments Regulations for—

(a) the year beginning on 1st January 2026; or

(b) the year beginning on 1st January 2027,

references to a "delinked payment" are to be construed as references to the amount of any such payment as reduced by the reduction percentage or percentages that the Secretary of State is required to apply for that year by virtue of regulation 3 of these Regulations.

Minister of State
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make further provision in connection with the introduction of delinked payments by the Agriculture (Delinked Payments and Consequential Provisions) (England) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1430) ("the Delinked Payments Regulations") to that made by the Agriculture (Delinked Payments) (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/691) and by the Agriculture (Delinked Payments) (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 2025/568). They extend to England and Wales but apply in relation to England only.

Regulation 3 requires the Secretary of State to make reductions to the amount of a delinked payment calculated by the Secretary of State in respect of a person under paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Delinked Payments Regulations for the years beginning on 1st January 2026 and 1st January 2027. The Secretary of State must reduce the portion of a person's delinked payment that is specified in the first column of the table under regulation 3(2) by the reduction percentage or percentages that are specified in the second column of that table.

Regulation 4 modifies references to a "delinked payment" in Part 3 of the Delinked Payments Regulations so that they are to be construed as references to the amount of a delinked payment after the application of the reduction percentage or percentages for each year applied by the Secretary of State to that payment by virtue of regulation 3.

A full 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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