STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No. 179

PESTICIDES

The Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	*13th October 2026*
Coming into operation	*30th November 2026*

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs(**a**) makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of, and paragraph 11M of Part 1C of Schedule 2 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018(**b**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026 and come into operation on 30th November 2026.

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

Amendments to the Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020(d)

2.—(1) The Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 are amended as follows.

(2) After regulation 14(5) insert—

"(6) A notice of decision shall contain information advising a person of the right of appeal and the time within which the appeal must be lodged."

(3) After regulation 14 insert—

(**a**) Formerly the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD see section 3(4) of the Departments (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1)). DARD was renamed the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) by Article 1(2) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.5 (N.I.)).

(**b**) "2018 (c.16)"; Part 1C of Schedule 2 was inserted by section 22 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 "(c.1)" (the 2020 Act).

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

(**d**) SR 2020 No. 360.

"Appeal

14A.—(1) A person on whom a notice of decision is served may appeal to a court of summary jurisdiction within one month beginning with the date of the service of that notice.

(2) The procedure on appeal under paragraph (1) is by way of notice and Part VII of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) applies to the proceedings.

(3) The court may confirm, quash or vary the notice of decision".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on 13 October 2026



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13th October 2026 Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020 No.360) ("PPP Official Controls Regulations")

Regulation 2(2) inserts an additional paragraph into Regulation 14 that requires that any notice of decision issued by the Department must include information advising the recipient of their right of appeal and the time limit within which that appeal must be made.

Regulation 2(3) inserts a new regulation 14A into the PPP Official Controls Regulations that provides a right of appeal to a court of summary jurisdiction in respect of a decision taken by the Department in the event of established non-compliance under Articles 55; 66(3) or (6); Point (b) of 67; 137(3); or 138(1) or (2) of Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625(**b**).

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(**a**) 1981 No. 1675 (N.I. 26)
(**b**) OJ No. L 95, 7.4.2017, p.1, as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2024/3115.

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