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To all Planners, Planning Agencies,
Regional Inspectors, Area Superintendents
and District Superintendents.

Submission of REPS plans using eREPS planning system.

The requirement for REPS planners to use eREPS, the electronic planning system approved by the Department, has been flagged by the Department for some time. In the last few years the Department has invested heavily in providing access to an electronic mapping system for all planners and, more recently, in providing access for all planners, at no charge from 1 July 2008, to eREPS. The latest release of eREPS, live since 1 October 2008, includes enhanced validation features.

Satisfactory checking of REPS applications to the standard required in EU Regulations requires extensive scrutiny and cross-checking against the Department's land and animal data holdings. This can no longer be done adequately unless the information in REPS plans is available to the Department in electronic form.

The following arrangement is therefore necessary:

- With effect from 1 February 2009, only REPS 4 plans produced using eREPS will be acceptable.
- Non-eREPS plans submitted after this date will be returned to the farmer as ineligible for payment.

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