

**Notice to Beneficiaries of Schemes funded or co-funded by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) or the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), pursuant to Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 259/2008.**

**Re: Publication Requirements**

**Details to be Published**

Council Regulation 1290/2005 requires the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to publish, on its website, certain details of beneficiaries of schemes funded or co-funded by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) or the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD). Council Regulations are binding and directly applicable in member states. The data will also be accessible through an EU Commission website.

The details to be published are name, the municipality where the beneficiary resides, the postal code (where one exists), and payments data as follows:

- a) total direct payments (Single Farm Payment);
- b) total payments under other measures funded by EAGF (e.g. market intervention, export refunds etc.);
- c) total payments under measures co-funded under EAFRD (REPS, Early Retirement Scheme, Young Farmers' Installation Aid, Compensatory Allowances in Less Favoured Areas, Farm Improvement Scheme);

and

- d) the sum of these payments.

For the purposes of publication in Ireland, the address details to be published will be County and the address line immediately above County in the Department's client database. The information must remain on the website for two years from the date of publication.

## **Dates of Publication**

The dates by which the data must be published are as follows:

- **No later than 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008:**
  - o Expenditure between 1/1/07 and 15/10/07 on schemes co-funded by the EAFRD. These are The Early Retirement Scheme, The Rural Environment Protection Scheme and Compensatory Allowances in Less Favoured Areas.
  
- **No later than 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 and each year thereafter:**
  - o Expenditure between 16/10/07 and 15/10/08 on schemes co-funded by the EAFRD. These will include the schemes referred to above, and also the Farm Improvement and Young Farmers' Installation Aid Schemes;
  
  - o Expenditure between 16/10/07 and 15/10/08 on schemes funded by EAGF. These include the Single Farm Payment, any residual coupled premia made in that period, sugar restructuring payments, export refunds, market intervention, production aids, and any other payments funded by EAGF.

## **Amounts to be Published**

The amount to be published will be payments net of any deductions for overpayments as at the 15<sup>th</sup> October in the year concerned. It will not be the same as the payment data on the farmers' annual statement, which is calculated over a calendar year, and includes schemes which are nationally funded, and in some instances national top ups to EU payments.

## **Data Protection**

The data referred to above are being published in accordance with EU Regulations. They are not intended for use for direct marketing or other purposes. They may, however, be used by national or EU audit or investigation bodies for the protection of the financial interests of the EU.

The rights of data subjects and how they may be exercised are laid down in the Data Protection Acts, 1988 and 2003. The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner publishes a guide to your rights as a data subject.

If you are concerned about the accuracy of your data, once published, the website will contain contact details for you to raise your concerns in writing with the Department.

**Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food**

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