



An Roinn Talmhaíochta
Iascaigh agus Bia
Eastát Chaisleán Sheonach,
Contae Loch Gorman,
Éire. **April 2010**

Circular 04/2010

Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food
Johnstown Castle Estate,
Co. Wexford,
Ireland.

**To: In Department - all Regional Inspectors, AES inspectors, AS, DS & SAO.
To: All approved planners**

The Rural Environment Protection Scheme

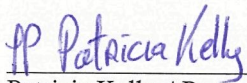
(Administered in accordance with Council Regulations (EC) NO. 1698/2005 and Commission Regulations (EC) Nos. 1974/2006 and 1975/2006)

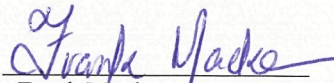
REPS 4 applicants whose plans are rejected as ineligible for one or more of the reasons listed in the table below, may:

1. Appeal the rejection within 10 days of the date of the 2009 Rejection Letter issued by the AES Office of the Department. Such an appeal must include the facts and contentions upon which the applicant intended to rely together with such documentary evidence that he/she wishes to submit in support of the appeal. If this appeal is unsuccessful, a new plan will not be accepted after 17th May 2010.
2. Submit a new REPS 4 plan and application form on or before the 17th May 2010. The new plan will be subject to the same series of stringent administrative and eligibility checks as the original plan. If the plan fails these checks it will be rejected.

Table	Reason for Rejection of REPS 4 Plan
1	The Whole Farm Stocking Rate is planned above 170Kgs of Organic Nitrogen per hectare and you have failed to receive a Nitrates derogation.
2	The Whole Farm Stocking Rate is planned above 250Kgs of Organic Nitrogen per hectare.
3	The plan does not satisfy the minimum stocking rate requirement as set out in paragraph 6.1 of the Scheme Terms and Conditions.
4	You have failed to select a minimum of two Biodiversity Options, at least one of which is from Category 1, thus contravening Paragraph 11.3 of the Scheme Terms and Conditions.
5	As you are a nitrates derogation farmer you have failed to select a minimum of three Biodiversity Options, at least two of which is from Category 1, thus contravening Paragraph 11.3 of the Scheme Terms and Conditions.
6	There is insufficient habitat identified to meet the requirement under Measure 2. A Mandatory Environmental Undertaking (MEU) has not been selected, thus contravening Paragraph 11.14 of the Scheme Terms and Conditions.
7	There is insufficient habitat identified to meet the requirement under Measure 4. An additional Category 1 Biodiversity Option has not been selected, thus contravening Paragraph 11.14 of the Scheme Terms and Conditions.

Please note: No plans will be accepted after close of business on the 17th May 2010.


Patricia Kelly AP
Agricultural Structures Division


Frank Macken
AES Division