



**An Roinn Talmhaíochta,  
Bia agus Mara**  
Department of Agriculture,  
Food and the Marine

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

of the

**BEEF EXCEPTIONAL AID MEASURE (BEAM)**

Introduced by the

**MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE**

**CLOSING DATE midnight on 08/09/2019**

All details of this Measure can be accessed on the website of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine at [www.agriculture.gov.ie](http://www.agriculture.gov.ie).

BEAM payments are funded by the European Union and the National Exchequer.

1. **General outline and legal basis**

- 1.1. These are the administrative provisions for the implementation of the Beef Exceptional Aid Measure (BEAM; the Measure) drawn up in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1132 and the notification submitted by the Department on [31 July 2019] to the European Commission under article 3 of that Regulation.

2. **General provisions**

- 2.1. The provisions and commitments of the Measure apply until 30 June 2021.
- 2.2. The Measure shall be administered by the Department and shall operate throughout the State in respect of eligible herds.
- 2.3. Participation in the Measure is voluntary.

3. **Definitions**

- 3.1. For the purposes of the Measure:

- **"The Department"** shall mean the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
- **"Minister"** shall mean the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
- **"Farmer"** shall mean a natural or legal person, or a group of natural or legal persons, whatever legal status is granted to the group and its members by national law, who has a herd number issued by the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine and who exercises an agricultural activity.
- For the purpose of this Measure, **"Registered Farm Partnership"** means a partnership which
  - operates in accordance with the Partnership Act 1890
  - is operative for the period of the participation of this Measure, and
  - is entered in "The Register" of Farm Partnerships
- **"Holding"** shall mean all the production units managed by a farmer during 2018 and subsequent years and situated within the territory of the Republic of Ireland.
- **"Application"** shall mean an application for a contract under the Measure in accordance with the Terms and Conditions set out herein.
- **"Applicant"** shall mean a farmer who submits an application for participation in the Measure.
- **"Herdowner"** shall mean the nominated company or entity or person(s) associated with a specific herd number to whom any payments are made. The "keeper" role is classified as a non-financial role and therefore it is not possible to make payments to "keepers".
- **"BEAM"** shall mean the Beef Exceptional Aid Measure (the Measure).
- **"BPS"** shall mean Basic Payment Scheme.
- **"AIM"** shall mean the Department's Animal Identification and Movement system.
- **"Beef breed"** shall mean any breed other than a dairy breed.
- **"Dairy breed"** shall mean any of the following breeds : Angler Rotvieh (Angeln)-Rod-dansk maelkerace (RMD), Ayrshire, Armoricaine, Blue Albion, Bretonne Pie-Noire, Brown Swiss, Fries Hollands (FH), Francaise frisonne pie noire (FFPN), Friesian-Holstein, Holstein, Black and White Friesian, Red and White Friesian, Frisona Espanola, Frisona Italiana, Zwartbonten van Belgie/Pie noire de Belgique, Sortbroget dansk maelkerace (SDM), Deutsche Schwarzbunte, Schwarzbunte Milchrass (SMR), Groninger Blaarkop,

Guernsey, Jersey, Malkekorthorn, Normande, Norwegian Red, Swedish Red, Danish Red, Reggiana and Valdostana Nera, Itasuomenkarja, Lansisuomenkarja, Rotbunt and Pohjoissuomenkarja.

- **“Eligible animal”** shall mean those bovine animals identified on AIM at midnight on 29 July 2019 as either those aged over 12 months presented to a slaughtering establishment approved under the European Communities (Food and Feed Hygiene) Regulations (SI 432 of 2009) in the period 24 September 2018 to 12 May 2019 inclusive, and/or those beef breed female animals with progeny born in the year 2018, which were sired by a beef breed bull.
- **“Agent”** shall mean an entity that is identified on Department systems as an agent.
- **“Dealer”** shall mean an entity that is identified on Department systems as a dealer.
- **“Slaughtering establishment”** shall mean a food business engaged in the slaughter of animals approved under the European Communities (Food and Feed Hygiene) Regulations (SI 432 of 2009), including those slaughtering establishments approved by a local authority and those slaughtering establishments approved by the Department.
- **“Milk supplier”** shall mean a herd identified on Department systems at midnight on 29 July 2019 as having a milk supply contract with a food business engaged in the collection and/or handling of raw milk from dairy holdings approved under the European Communities (Food and Feed Hygiene) Regulations (SI 432 of 2009).
- **“Dairy cow”** shall mean a female bovine animal of a dairy breed that has had a calf prior to 1 January 2019.
- **“Environmental scheme”** shall mean the Green Low-Carbon Agri-Environment Scheme (GLAS), Organic Farm Scheme (OFS), Beef Data and Genomics Programme (BDGP), or the Beef Environmental Efficiency Pilot (BEEP).
- **“Quality scheme”** shall mean the Bord Bia Sustainable Beef and Lamb Assurance Scheme.

#### 4. **Objective of the Measure**

- 4.1. The objective of the Measure is to provide temporary exceptional adjustment aid to farmers in the beef sector in Ireland subject to the conditions set out in the Regulation referred to in section 1.

#### 5. **Application for participation in the Measure**

- 5.1. The Measure shall be open to all eligible herdowners who commit to completing the mandatory actions required.
- 5.2. The Minister reserves the right to alter the Terms and Conditions of the Measure, close the Measure and/or alter the grant-aid at any time.
- 5.3. Applications for participation in the Measure shall be made online only.
- 5.4. The opening date for receipt of valid applications is 19 August 2019 and the closing date for receipt of valid applications is midnight on 08 September 2019.
- 5.5. The submission of a valid application does not guarantee entry to the Measure.
- 5.6. Further details on the application process are available in Annex 2.

## **6. Eligibility criteria for participation in the Measure**

- 6.1. Herds which meet all of the following criteria shall be eligible for participation in the Measure:
  - 6.1.1. Where the herdowner is the holder of an active herd number with Herdowner status. Herdkeeper is not acceptable.
  - 6.1.2. Where the herdowner is farming a holding in respect of which a BPS application was submitted to the Department for the year 2018.
  - 6.1.3. Where the herdowner is a member of at least one environmental or quality scheme at the time of application, or undertakes to become a member of a quality scheme prior to 01 December 2019.
  - 6.1.4. Where the herd has at least one eligible animal subject to section 9.
  - 6.1.5. Where the herd is not an agent or a dealer.
  - 6.1.6. Where the herd is not a milk supplier, except in the case where the herd had 40 dairy cows or less on 31 December 2018 as identified on AIM.

## **7. Commitments undertaken by participation in the Measure**

- 7.1. Each applicant must undertake to meet all of the following commitments in order to participate in the Measure:
  - 7.1.1. Reduce the production on the holding of bovine livestock manure nitrogen by 5% for the period 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 as compared with the period 01 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 as recorded on Department systems. Slurry exports are not reckonable as reduction. (See Annex 3 below for more information on Nitrates reduction)
    - 7.1.1.1. Where an applicant's participation in a pre-existing scheme or programme, administered by the Department, or where a pre-existing legal obligation requires a minimum number of bovine livestock, and where achieving such reduction as outlined in 7.1.1 would result in a failure to meet that requirement, an applicant must apply to the Department for derogation prior to 30 September 2019. Applications must be submitted to Beef Schemes Section, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Government Buildings, Old Abbeylax Road, Portlaoise, Co Laois. Such applications shall be reviewed on a case by case basis.
  - 7.1.2. An applicant must undertake to continue to be a member of at least one environmental or quality scheme for the duration of the Measure, except where participation in that environmental scheme is scheduled to end, that scheme expires, or the applicant ceases bovine livestock farming, or undertakes to become a member of a quality scheme prior to 01 December 2019 and continues to be a member of that quality scheme for the duration of the Measure,.
  - 7.1.3. Submit a BPS application to the Department in each of the years 2019 to 2021 inclusive.

## **8. Funding**

- 8.1. The Measure is being funded by the European Union and the National Exchequer.

## **9. Payment rates**

- 9.1. Payments for the Measure shall be calculated on the basis of the following eligible animals within eligible herds:

- 9.1.1. Bovine animals aged over 12 months presented to a slaughtering establishment in the period 24 September 2018 to 12 May 2019 inclusive at a rate of € 100 per animal subject to a maximum of 100 such animals per eligible herd; and/or
- 9.1.2. Beef breed female animals with progeny born in the year 2018, which were sired by a beef breed bull, at a rate of € 40 per animal subject to a maximum of 40 such animals per eligible herd.
- 9.2. Where an animal under 9.1.1 has been presented for slaughter by an agent or by a dealer within 30 days of purchase, including those purchased in the mart, payment may issue to the immediate previous herdowner or in respect of the previous eligible herdnumber, where that herdowner is an applicant.
- 9.3. In the case of otherwise eligible animals, as defined in section 3.1, those animals identified on Department systems as presented for slaughter by or on behalf of a slaughtering establishment shall not be eligible.
- 9.4. Payment shall be made only with respect to animals which are tagged and registered in accordance with EU Regulation 1760/2000.
- 9.5. In the event of the scheme being oversubscribed the payment due to each applicant may be subject to a linear reduction.

10. **Penalties**

- 10.1. Where the commitments of the Measure as defined in section 7 are not satisfied in full, except in cases of *Force Majeure*, the following penalties shall apply:

| Non-compliance   | Penalty   |
|--|---|
| Failure to reduce the production of bovine livestock manure nitrogen by 5% for the period 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 as compared with the period 01 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. | Reduction of less than 4% shall incur a 100% penalty;<br><br>Reduction of 4% or more but less than 4.4% shall incur 80% penalty;<br><br>Reduction of 4.4% or more but less than 4.6% shall incur 60% penalty;<br><br>Reduction of 4.6% or more but less than 4.8% shall incur 40% penalty;<br><br>Reduction of 4.8% or more and less than 5% shall incur a 20% penalty; |
| Failure to continue to be a member of at least one environmental scheme or quality scheme for the  | 100% penalty  |

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| duration of the Measure, or failure to become a member of a quality scheme prior to 01 December 2019 and continue to be a member of that quality scheme for the duration of the Measure, except where participation in that scheme is scheduled to end, that scheme expires, or the applicant ceases bovine livestock farming. |              |
| Where the Department establishes that the applicant has artificially created the conditions required for obtaining payment.  | 100% penalty |

- 10.2. Where a penalty is applied, the applicant shall be required to reimburse the Department by the amount of the penalty or the amount of the penalty may be deducted from subsequent payments being made by the Department, under any scheme, to the applicant
- 10.3. Where one member/herdowner of a partnership incurs a penalty in accordance with the above the penalty shall be applied at the level of that member/herdowner.
- 10.4. Where ownership of the holding changes after application, other than by sale, the commitments made by an applicant will transfer to the new owner. Failure to meet the commitments under this measure may lead to penalties being applied in accordance with the schedule in this section.
- 10.5. Where animals, previously deemed eligible by the Department based on incorrect data, are subsequently deemed ineligible, the penalty applied shall be limited to 100% of any payment made with respect to those ineligible animals.
- 11. Administrative and compliance checks**
- 11.1. All applications for support and payment claims shall be subject to administrative checks, cross-checks with relevant databases (including AIM and Bord Bia), and any other controls deemed necessary, before and after payments are made under the Measure.
- 11.2. Applicants shall give permission for Bord Bia and the Department to share data for the purposes of administering the Measure, in accordance with Annex 1.
- 11.3. Applicants shall facilitate such administrative and on-the-spot checks as the Department deems necessary. On-the-spot checks may be carried out at farm level to ensure compliance with the commitments of the Measure.
- 11.4. No payment shall be made in favour of beneficiaries where the Department establishes that they have artificially created the conditions required for obtaining payment.
- 12. Review and appeal system**
- 12.1. In cases where an applicant is deemed ineligible to participate in the Measure, they shall be given ten working days after the closing date for receipt of valid applications as outlined in section 5 in which to seek a review by the Department. Any request for a review should clearly set out the grounds for a review and should be accompanied by supporting documentation where appropriate. The applicant shall be informed in writing of the outcome of that review. This initial review shall be without prejudice to the right to any

subsequent appeal to the Agriculture Appeals Office. Such appeals must be lodged within three months of the date of the Department's review letter. Appeals should be addressed to the Agriculture Appeals Office, Kilminchy Court, Portlaoise, Co Laois.

- 12.2. In cases where a payment is withheld under the Measure applicants shall be notified in writing and given ten working days from the date of that notification to seek a review by the Department. Any request for a review should clearly set out the grounds for a review and should be accompanied by supporting documentation where appropriate. The applicant shall be informed in writing of the outcome of that review. This initial review shall be without prejudice to the right to any subsequent appeal to the Agriculture Appeals Office. Such appeals must be lodged within three months of the date of the Department's review letter. Appeals should be addressed to the Agriculture Appeals Office, Kilminchy Court, Portlaoise, Co Laois.

### **13. Force Majeure**

- 13.1. Where an applicant withdraws from the Scheme all monies paid under the Scheme shall be repaid to the Department except in cases of Force Majeure.

- 13.2. Where a beneficiary is unable to continue complying with the requirements of the Scheme for reasons beyond his/her control a case may be made under Force Majeure to terminate participation in the Programme. In such cases the applicant, or his or her representative, should inform the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Beef Schemes Section, Old Abbeyleix Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois in writing, with relevant evidence, within fifteen working days from the date on which the beneficiary or the person entitled through them, is in a position to do so.

- 13.3. Without prejudice to the actual circumstances to be taken into consideration in individual cases the following categories of *force majeure* may be recognised:

- death of the beneficiary,
- long term professional incapacity of the beneficiary,
- expropriation of all or a large part of the holding if that expropriation could not have been anticipated on the day of lodging the application,
- a severe natural disaster gravely affecting the holding,
- the accidental destruction of livestock buildings on the holding,
- an epizootic or a plant disease affecting part or all of the beneficiary's livestock or crops respectively.

### **14. Partnerships**

- 14.1. Farmers in a Registered Farm Partnership are eligible to apply for the Measure.

### **15. Inspections**

- 15.1. The Minister reserves the right to carry out inspections at reasonable times of any land, premises, plant, equipment, livestock and records of applicants.

- 15.2. In submitting an application, applicants agree to permit officials or agents of the Department to carry out on-farm inspections, with or without prior notice at any reasonable time(s) and without prejudice to public liability.

- 15.3. If an on-farm inspection cannot be carried out through the fault or action of the farmer or his/her representative, the application shall be rejected resulting in full recovery of payment.
- 15.4. When notified of an on-farm inspection, the applicant should arrange to be present for the inspection or have a representative nominated in his/her place to assist the inspecting officer.
- 15.5. Every on-the-spot (ground) inspection shall be the subject of a report and the applicant or his/her representative shall be given an opportunity to sign the report indicating his/her presence at the inspection and to add his/her observations if he/she so wishes. Signing this document does not imply that the applicant or his/her agent accepts the inspection findings.
- 14.6 Any breach of cross-compliance detected during the course of an on-farm inspection shall attract the appropriate sanction.

**16. Responsibility of applicant**

- 16.1. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to familiarise him/herself with the Terms and Conditions of the Measure and with the consequences for breaches of these.
- 16.2. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to be familiar with the commitments undertaken by participation in the Measure, including the monitoring of the production of bovine livestock manure nitrogen, with respect to the commitment to reduce production as outlined in section 7, and with the consequences for breaches of these.
- 16.3. The approval or payment of aid under the Measure does not imply the acceptance by the Minister of any responsibility as regards the obligations undertaken by the applicant.

**17. Failure to abide by the Terms and Conditions of the Measure**

- 17.1. Where, for the purposes of obtaining payment under the Measure to which these Terms and Conditions relate, the applicant knowingly makes a false or misleading statement or withholds essential information, or if there is any material change in the circumstances of the applicant which would be in conflict with the letter or the spirit of the Measure his/her participation in any or all of the Measure may be terminated and all or part of the aid paid shall be reimbursed.
- 17.2. The Minister reserves the right to recover such amounts in accordance with the law. The Minister also reserves the right to exclude such a person from further participation in any other Department programmes for such period as shall be determined, but in any event not exceeding a period of 6 years.

**18. Review of financial aids**

- 18.1. The Minister reserves the right to restrict the availability of the Measure and to vary, where occasion so demands, the amount of financial aid wherever specified in the Measure.
- 18.2. The obtaining of aid or the attempt to obtain aid under the Measure by fraudulent means by the applicant or others acting alone or together may render such persons liable to prosecution.

**19. Conditions of payment**

- 19.1. Every payment under this Measure shall be subject to conditions laid down by the Minister, which must be complied with in full by the applicant.

20. **Tax clearance requirement**

- 20.1. Payment of financial aid as provided for in this Measure may be subject to the condition that a tax clearance certificate from the Revenue Commissioners be furnished before a payment can be issued.

21. **Data protection**

- 21.1. Your attention is drawn to the Data Protection Notice in Annex 1.

22. **Further conditions**

- 22.1. The Minister may at any time lay down further conditions under this Measure.
- 22.2. The Minister reserves the right to alter from time to time the procedures to be followed in the operation of the Measure.

23. **Interpretation**

- 23.1. The Department may expand upon, explain, interpret or define the meaning of any aspect of the Terms or Conditions of the Measure.

## ANNEX 1

GDPR considerations in the sharing of data between DAFM, and any third-party service providers.

### Data Protection Notice:

#### **Part A: Information applicable to all Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine customers:**

1. The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine is fully committed to keeping all personal data submitted by its customers, fully safe and secure during administrative processes. All necessary technical measures have been put in place to ensure the safety and security of the systems which hold this data. Department staff are also considered as customers of the Department from a Data Protection perspective and may exercise their data protection rights in the same way.
2. Transparency and openness in the use of personal data held is important to the Department and therefore we aim to fully inform all our customers about the purpose(s) for which their data will be used and why, where it may be shared elsewhere and why and how long their data may be held by the Department. Information on the rights of the customers will also be provided.
3. The current legislation for Data Protection in Ireland is the Data Protection Act 1998 as amended by the 2003 Data Protection Act, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulations (EU 2016/679) which came into effect on 25 May 2018.
4. The Data Controller for the collection and processing of all personal data in the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine is the Department itself, as a legal entity.
5. The Data Protection Officer can be contacted as follows:  
  
Data Protection Officer  
Data Protection Unit, Corporate Affairs,  
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine  
Grattan Business Park, Dublin Road,  
Portlaoise, Co Laois.  
R32 RY6V  
Phone: 057 869 4301  
Email: [dataprotectionofficer@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:dataprotectionofficer@agriculture.gov.ie)
6. Personal data processed by the Department will only be used for the specific purpose(s) as outlined when the data is collected, or in later communications, and will only be used in accordance with the Data Protection legislation in force.
7. Rights of the individual in relation to personal data held by the Department:

When you, as a customer, provide personal data to the Department you have certain rights available to you in relation to that data. These rights are outlined below and can be exercised

by contacting the Data Protection Officer, as detailed above, indicating which right(s) you wish to exercise:

Our customers have the following rights:

- Access to their data
- Rectification of their data
- Erasure of their data
- Right to lodge a complaint with the Supervisory Authority
- Restriction of processing
- Data portability
- Objection to processing
- Withdraw consent if they previously gave it in relation to processing of their personal data
- Relating to automated decision making, including profiling.

#### **Part B: Information specific to the personal data being collected**

The following data is specific information in relation to the personal data processed for the submission of an application under BEAM:

8. Specified purpose:

The personal data sought from the data subject is required for the purpose of making an application under BEAM. Failure to provide all the personal data required to facilitate the processing of the application, including data testing, under the scheme will result in DAFM being unable to process the application.

9. Legal basis:

BEAM is implemented pursuant to the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1132 and is operated by DAFM.

10. Recipients:

Information provided as part of the BEAM application will be shared, for the purposes of processing and verifying your application, with:

**Bord Bia**

Information will be shared within the Department, and between the Department and Bord Bia, for the purposes of ensuring compliance with the commitments of BEAM.

Personal data may be used for statistical, research and analysis purposes in some circumstances, but will only be done in compliance with the Data Protection Legislation in force. Data used for such purposes will be pseudonymised or anonymised, as appropriate, to protect the security and confidentiality of the data. The use of the data in this way may

facilitate the Department in informing policy decisions into the future, which would benefit the Irish farmer and the Agriculture Sector.

Information provided by participants in the Measure may be used by the Department for the purpose of the carrying out of surveys by the Department in respect of any actions attempted or completed pursuant to this Measure. All data provided for this purpose will be treated confidentially and in line with requirements under GDPR. Survey data will not be disclosed to any 3rd party at individual level. All reporting on survey responses will be at aggregated summary level only.

The Department is also currently obliged by law to provide information concerning applicants in response to requests received from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners, An Garda Síochana, and other bodies in accordance with Section 8 of the Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003.

As part of BEAM, if you are approved into the Measure, you may be requested by the Department or relevant agents acting on its behalf, to supply data in relation to your participation to BEAM, and facilitate on-farm inspections/assessments, where required for the purpose of assessment and verification.

11. Transfer outside the EU:

Information provided in support of an application under BEAM is not currently transmitted outside of the EU.

12. Retention Period:

The data submitted in support of the application by the data subject under BEAM will be retained by DAFM only as long as there is a business need to do so in line with the purposes for which it was collected.

After this time, it will be marked for destruction and will be destroyed in line with internal guidelines or guidelines for destruction received from the National Archives Office or associated permissions received from them.

13. Data provision being statutory or contractual obligation:

The data provided for this purpose is being requested under the requirements of BEAM and if the customer chooses not to provide this information their application for BEAM cannot proceed.

14. Automated Decision Making:

Personal data provided in the submission of an application under BEAM will be processed automatically for the purpose of the efficient running of the Measure, and the timely payment of applicants.

Automated decision making will also be used for the purposes of selecting applicants for inspection in accordance with the regulations.

15. Information from Third Party:

Information from third parties [Bord Bia] will be received in relation to applicants under BEAM.

16. Technical information on data collected:

Technical information on the cookies used on our Department's website is available at the following link: <https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/legalnotices/privacy/>.

## ANNEX 2 How to Apply

Applications for BEAM can only be submitted online through [www.agfood.ie](http://www.agfood.ie) either by the applicant themselves or by an individual authorised to act on their behalf. To apply yourself, you must have registered for Online Services. If you have not already registered, you can do so by clicking on the Register button on the [www.agfood.ie](http://www.agfood.ie) homepage and completing the required fields. Please allow a couple of days for completion of your registration as a code will need to issue to you via post to allow you log in.

Applicants who use an agent will have to authorise their agent to access their Exception Aid Measures before an application can be submitted. This can be completed via an SMS text message facility initiated by the agent or by using an Authorisation form.

if you require assistance logging on to or registering for [www.agfood.ie](http://www.agfood.ie). You can call 0761 064424

### Logging into Online Services.

Using your PAC, (Personal Access Code) you received in the post, login to the Agfood Online system at [www.agfood.ie](http://www.agfood.ie).

When you are on [www.agfood.ie](http://www.agfood.ie), the first page you will see is the Login page. To log in, please undertake the following steps:

- Enter your Username which you created when you registered
- Enter the 3 requested digits from the 7 digits of your PAC (Personal Access Code) which you received in the post after you registered
- Enter your password which you created when you registered
- Click on the 'Logon' button.

**Register for Online Services**  
If you have not already registered please press the Register button.  
[Register](#)

**Forgotten Password**  
If you have forgotten or need to reset your Password you can request a temporary password as text message, press the [Forgotten Password](#) button for details.  
[Forgotten Password](#)

**Online Services Login**  
Step 1 - Enter your Username  
[Text Input Field]  
Step 2 - Enter the First, Second and Third digits from your PAC.  
1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th  
[Digit Input Fields]  
Step 3 - Enter your Password  
[Text Input Field]  
[Logon](#) [Reset](#)

**MyGovID**  
If you have a verified MyGovID account, you can use your MyGovID details to sign in.  
[Continue with MyGovID](#)

**Help**  
If you have forgotten your PAC, Password, or are having any difficulties logging on, you can e-mail the Department at [agfood@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:agfood@agriculture.gov.ie) or Lo-call 0761 064424.  
A new PAC will be issued by letter as soon as possible and your password will be reset. Please include your agfood Services Username in the email.  
If you registered before March 2009 your Username will continue to be your PPSN.

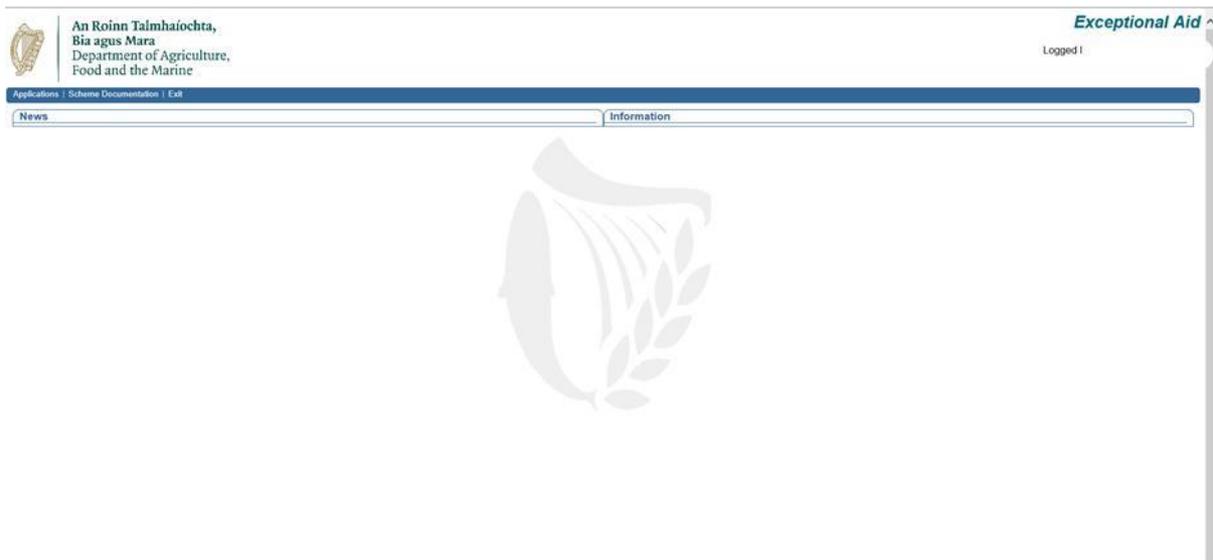
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Once you have logged in, you will be presented with the list of authorised applications. You are invited to select from a range of Department schemes and services. To access BEAM please click on the link 'Exceptional Aid Measures'

| Application   |
|---|
| <a href="#">Animal Event Recording System</a>                         |
| <a href="#">Animal Identification and Movements</a>                   |
| <a href="#">Beef Data Genomics Programme (2015 - 2020)</a>            |
| <a href="#">Beef Environmental Efficiency Pilot</a>                   |
| <a href="#">Direct Payments (BPS/Greening/SPS)</a>                    |
| <a href="#">Exceptional Aid Measures</a>                              |
| <a href="#">Geographic Information System</a>                         |
| <a href="#">Nitrates Derogation</a>                                   |
| <a href="#">Nitrogen &amp; Phosphorous Statements</a>                 |
| <a href="#">Organic Farming Scheme</a>                                |
| <a href="#">Sheep Welfare Scheme</a>                                  |
| <a href="#">Sustainable Use Directive System</a>                      |
| <a href="#">TAMS II - Animal Welfare Safety and Nutrient Storage</a>  |
| <a href="#">TAMS II - Dairy Equipment Scheme</a>                      |
| <a href="#">TAMS II - LESS (Low Emission Slurry Spreading Scheme)</a> |
| <a href="#">TAMS II - Organic Capital Investment Scheme</a>           |
| <a href="#">TAMS II - Pig and Poultry Investment Scheme</a>           |
| <a href="#">TAMS II - Tillage Capital Investment Scheme</a>           |
| <a href="#">TAMS II - Young Farmer Capital Investment Scheme</a>      |

The following page will appear.



Click on the 'Applications' link at the top left of the screen

## Eligible Applicants.

If you are eligible for the scheme the following Screen will appear.

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Bia agus Mara  
Department of Agriculture,  
Food and the Marine

Exceptional Aid  
Logged In

Home | Scheme Documentation | Exit

Client Details  
Client Name:  
Address:  
Phone Number:  
Business Id:  
Start/End Date:  
Gender:

Existing Applications

New Application

| Select Application Type | Scheme Year | Application Date | Current Application Date | Status Description | Status Date |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| No items were found     |             |                  |                          |                    |             |

Click on the 'New Applications' button.

The following page will appear.

| Application Type                                    | Application Date | Used Application Scheme | Status Description       | Status Date | Approval Date | Completion Date |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Beef Exceptional Aid Measure (BEAM) Scheme Proposal | 13/08/2019       | 13/08/2019              | Draft Online Application | 13/08/2019  |               |                 |

**Animals eligible for payment**

| Description  | Number of animals on our system | Max number payable |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Beef breed suckler cow with progeny born in the year 2018                          | 16                              | 40                 |
| Bovine animals +12 months presented for slaughter 24 September 2018 to 12 May 2019 | 16                              | 100                |

**Required for Eligibility**

| Requirement                         | Eligibility Acquired |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Milk Supplier                       | No                   |
| Number of dairy cows on 31-Dec-2018 | 0                    |
| BPS Application in 2018             | Yes                  |

**Bovine Livestock Manure Nitrogen(Kgs)**

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Reference value for your herd - 1st July 2018 to 30th of June 2019:     | 3041 |
| Required minimum value under BEAM - 1st July 2020 to 30th of June 2021: | 2868 |
| Minimum deduction required to meet BEAM commitments:                    | 153  |

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**Environmental Scheme Description**

| Scheme  | Active in the scheme |
|---|----------------------|
| BDGP (Beef Data and Genomics Programme)           | No                   |
| BEEP (Beef Environmental Efficiency Pilot)        | Yes                  |
| GLAS (Green Low-Carbon Agri-Environmental Scheme) | No                   |
| OFS (Organic Farming Scheme)                      | No                   |

Are you a member of Bord Bia Sustainable Beef and Lamb Assurance Scheme (SBLAS)? -

**Scheme Declarations**

I commit to reduce the production of bovine livestock manure nitrogen (kgs) by 5% for the period 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021 as compared with the period 1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019.  **Required**

I accept the Terms and Conditions of the scheme and agree to the use of my personal data as detailed in Annex 1 of those Terms and Conditions.  **Required**

**Submit BEAM Application**

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This screen details the following:

- The number of animals you may be eligible to be paid on.
- Your Nitrates reference figure for BEAM
- Your Nitrates target figure after 5% reduction
- The relevant schemes and if you are a participant of.

You are asked if you are a member of the Bord Bia Sustainable Beef and Lamb Assurance Scheme (SBLAS), if you answer NO (N) a new check box is displayed providing you with the option to commit to becoming a member of Bord Bia Sustainable Beef and Lamb Assurance Scheme prior to 01-Dec-2019? You must answer these before you are allowed to submit your application.

This will bring up the following page which has a summary of your successful application.

Proposal

**The application has been submitted successfully.**

**Animals eligible for payment**

| Description  | Number of animals on our system | Max number payable |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Beef breed suckler cow with progeny born in the year 2018                          | 16                              | 40                 |
| Bovine animals +12 months presented for slaughter 24 September 2018 to 12 May 2019 | 16                              | 100                |

**Required for Eligibility**

Milk Supplier: No  
 Number of dairy cows on 31-Dec-2018: 0  
 BPS Application in 2018: Yes

**Eligibility Acquired**

No  
 0  
 Yes

**Bovine Livestock Manure Nitrogen(Kgs)**

Reference value for your herd - 1st July 2018 to 30th of June 2019: 3041  
 Required minimum value under BEAM - 1st July 2020 to 30th of June 2021: 2888  
 Minimum deduction required to meet BEAM commitments: 153

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**Environmental Scheme Description**

BDGP (Beef Data and Genomics Programme) No  
 BEEP (Beef Environmental Efficiency Pilot) Yes  
 GLAS (Green Low-Carbon Agri-Environmental Scheme) No  
 OFS (Organic Farming Scheme) No

**Active in the scheme**

Are you a member of Bord Bia Sustainable Beef and Lamb Assurance Scheme (SBLAS)?

**Scheme Declarations**

I commit to reduce the production of bovine livestock manure nitrogen (kgs) by 5% for the period 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021 as compared with the period 1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019.   
 I accept the Terms and Conditions of the scheme and agree to the use of my personal data as detailed in Annex 1 of those Terms and Conditions.

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### Ineligible Applicants.

If, when you click on the 'Applications' link the following screen appears then you have been considered ineligible for the scheme.

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Home | Return to Application List | Application Summary | Scheme Documentation | Exit

**Client Detail**

Client Name: [Redacted]  
 Address: [Redacted]  
 Phone Number: [Redacted]  
 Business ID: [Redacted]  
 Start/End Date: [Redacted]  
 Gender: [Redacted]

**Application Summary**

| Application Type                                    | Application Date | Date Application Signed | Status Description           | Status Date | Approval Date | Completion Date |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Beef Exceptional Aid Measure (BEAM) Scheme Proposal | 13/08/2019       | 13/08/2019              | Appeal Awaiting Confirmation | 13/08/2019  |               |                 |

**You are not currently eligible to participate in BEAM as your herd does not pass the following criteria:**  
 Milk suppliers with greater than 40 dairy cows on 31 December 2018 are not eligible for the scheme.

[Cancel](#)  
[Create Appeal](#)

This can be for one of the following reasons:

- No Basic Payment Scheme application was submitted for 2018.
- You have more than 40 Dairy Cows
- You are identified as a Milk Supplier

You can request a BEAM appeal on these criteria by clicking the 'Create Appeal' button at the bottom of the screen.

The following screen will appear.

| Description  | Number of animals on our system | Max number payable |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Beef breed suckler cow with progeny born in the year 2018                          | 0                               | 40                 |
| Bovine animals +12 months presented for slaughter 24 September 2018 to 12 May 2019 | 1                               | 100                |

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Required for Eligibility</b><br>Milk Supplier:<br>Number of dairy cows on 31-Dec-2018:<br>BPS Application in 2018: | <b>Dept derived Value</b><br>Yes<br>72<br>Yes | <b>New appeal value</b><br>Select ▼ *Required<br><input type="text"/> *Required |
|---|---|---|

Please explain why you are appealing your eligibility to apply for this scheme:

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Environmental Scheme Description</b><br>BDGP (Beef Data and Genomics Programme)<br>BEEP (Beef Environmental Efficiency Pilot)<br>GLAS (Green Low-Carbon Agri-Environmental Scheme)<br>OFS (Organic Farming Scheme) | <b>Active in the scheme</b><br>No<br>No<br>No<br>No |
|---|---|

Are you a member of Bord Bia Sustainable Beef and Lamb Assurance Scheme (SBLAS)? - Select ▼ \*Required

|  |                     |  |
|--|---------------------|--|
| <b>Bovine Livestock Manure Nitrogen(Kgs)</b><br>Reference value for your herd - 1st July 2018 to 30th of June 2019:<br>Required minimum value under BEAM - 1st July 2020 to 30th of June 2021:<br>Minimum deduction required to meet BEAM commitments: | 8292<br>7877<br>415 | <a href="#">View Nitrates Reduction Examples</a> |
|--|---------------------|--|

**Scheme Declarations**

I commit to reduce the production of bovine livestock manure nitrogen (kgs) by 5% for the period 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021 as compared with the period 1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019.  \*Required

I accept the Terms and Conditions of the scheme and agree to the use of my personal data as detailed in Annex 1 of those Terms and Conditions.  \*Required

**Lodge BEAM Appeal**

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From the drop down menu select the criteria you wish to appeal and in the text box explain the basis of your appeal.

Once that is done you must complete the 2 checkboxes and click on the 'Lodge BEAM Appeal' button which will send the appeal to the BEAM scheme section for processing. A following summary of your application will appear.

|   |            |            |                          |            |
|---|------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Beef Exceptional Aid Measure (BEAM) Scheme Proposal | 13/08/2019 | 13/08/2019 | Application Under Appeal | 13/08/2019 |
|---|------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|

**The application has been submitted successfully.**

| Description  | Number of animals on our system | Max number payable |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Beef breed suckler cow with progeny born in the year 2018                          | 0                               | 40                 |
| Bovine animals +12 months presented for slaughter 24 September 2018 to 12 May 2019 | 8                               | 100                |

|   |   |                                     |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Required for Eligibility</b><br>Milk Supplier:<br>Number of dairy cows on 31-Dec-2018:<br>BPS Application in 2018: | <b>Dept derived Value</b><br>Yes<br>60<br>Yes | <b>New appeal value</b><br>Select ▼ |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|

Please explain why you are appealing your eligibility to apply for this scheme:

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Environmental Scheme Description</b><br>BDGP (Beef Data and Genomics Programme)<br>BEEP (Beef Environmental Efficiency Pilot)<br>GLAS (Green Low-Carbon Agri-Environmental Scheme)<br>OFS (Organic Farming Scheme) | <b>Active in the scheme</b><br>No<br>No<br>No<br>No |
|---|---|

Are you a member of Bord Bia Sustainable Beef and Lamb Assurance Scheme (SBLAS)? -

|  |                     |  |
|--|---------------------|--|
| <b>Bovine Livestock Manure Nitrogen(Kgs)</b><br>Reference value for your herd - 1st July 2018 to 30th of June 2019:<br>Required minimum value under BEAM - 1st July 2020 to 30th of June 2021:<br>Minimum deduction required to meet BEAM commitments: | 7156<br>6798<br>358 | <a href="#">View Nitrates Reduction Examples</a> |
|--|---------------------|--|

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### Other Appeals/Queries

If you have any queries relating to your application or the details contained within it, you can call 0761 064420 or email BEAM@agriculture.gov.ie.

### ANNEX 3 Obligation to reduce Bovine Livestock Manure

BEAM Applicants must undertake to reduce the production of bovine livestock manure nitrogen by 5% for the period 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, compared to the period 01 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. The reduction is measured on the Bovine livestock manure nitrogen from animals on the holding, it cannot be reduced by the exporting of slurry or by claiming additional land to offset the figure.

| Livestock Type     | Nitrogen per year |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Dairy Cow          | 85kg              |
| Suckler Cow        | 65kg              |
| Cattle (0-1 Year)  | 24kg              |
| Cattle (1-2 Years) | 57kg              |
| Cattle > 2 Years   | 65kg              |

The simplest way to achieve this is to reduce stocking levels but reductions can be achieved through the restructuring of an applicants herd. The examples below show how the reduction might be achieved in some sample scenarios.

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| <p><b>Farm 1. Holding with 25 Suckler Cows and 25 calves to be sold at 12 months has a total nitrogen figure total of 2,225kg for the year. 5% reduction required is 112kg.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Option 1.</b> Reduce Suckler Cow numbers by 2 (130kgs)/</li> <li>• <b>Option 2.</b> Reduce Suckler Cow numbers by 1 (65kgs) &amp; sell 5 calves at 6 months rather than 12 months (48kgs).</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Farm 2. Holding with 70 Suckler Cows and 70 calves to be sold at 12 months has a total nitrogen figure total of 6,230kg for the year. 5% reduction required is 312kg.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Option 1.</b> Reduce Suckler Cow number by 4 (260kg) and reduce calves by 4 (96kg) to give a total reduction of 356kg.</li> <li>• <b>Option 2.</b> Reduce Suckler Cow numbers by 3 (195kgs) &amp; sell 10 calves at 6 months rather than 12 months (120kgs) to give a total reduction of 315kg.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Farm 3. Holding with 70 1-2 year old cattle has a total nitrogen figure total of 3,990kg for the year. 5% reduction required is 200kg.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce 1-2 year old cattle numbers by 4 to give a total reduction of 228kg.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Farm 4. Holding with 14 Suckler cows and 12 calves to be sold at 12 months has a total nitrogen figure of 1198 for the year. 5% reduction required is 60kg.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Option 1.</b> Reduce Suckler Cow numbers by 1 (65kgs).</li> <li>• <b>Option 2.</b> Sell 6 calves at 6 months rather than 12 months (60kgs).</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Farm 5. Holding with 40 dairy cows and 30 suckler cows, 10 replacement calves, 70 calves to be sold at 12 months 10 replacement 1-2 year olds, has a total nitrogen figure total of 7,840kg for the year. 5% reduction required is 392kg.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Option 1.</b> Reduce Suckler Cow number by 4 (260kg) and reduce calves by 4 (96kg) and sell 3 calves at 6 months rather than one year old to give a total reduction of 392kg.</li> <li>• <b>Option 2.</b> Reduce Suckler Cow numbers by 5 (325kgs) &amp; reduce calf numbers by 5 (120kg) to give a total reduction of 445kg.</li> </ul> |