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**Re: Results-Based Environment-Agri Pilot Project (REAP) – Note for Advisors**

Dear Advisor

Thank you for your interest in the Results-Based Environment-Agri Pilot Project (REAP). The Department is currently finalising a register of FAS Agricultural Advisors specifically for this project. It will be necessary for applicants to engage the services of a qualified advisor from this list in order to make an application.

The pilot will be advertised nationally and will be open to farmers who have not participated in GLAS and who are not currently in an agri-environment scheme. A project information booklet will be available to view online as well as the Terms and Conditions of REAP in advance of the opening of the application process. Applicants accepted into the project will be sent a hard copy of this project information booklet.

In preparation for the opening of REAP, please familiarise yourself with the procedures required to create the online links to enable you to act for your clients. This process must be complete in advance of applications being made. The details of this process are available on the Department's website and can be accessed via the link - <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/department-of-agriculture-and-foods-online-services/#information-on-agriculture-agents>.

To facilitate a more efficient application process and in particular the creation of the online link between the advisor and the applicant, your clients should register for the Department's mobile messaging service. This can be arranged by the applicant by sending a request to opt into the SMS service with their details (name, address, herd number and an up to date mobile number) to [ccsadmin@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:ccsadmin@agriculture.gov.ie).

It should be noted that applicants must have a herd number and must be registered with DAFM. In advance of making the application for REAP, an applicant will need to ensure that their details registered with the Department are up to date.

The Department will hold an online information session for advisors in advance of the opening of the application process. Full training will only be provided to advisors who have clients accepted into the project in late May/early June. This training is a prerequisite to being an approved advisor for the pilot and will take place over two days. In order to engage in the assessment and scoring process required under the results based approach, it will be necessary for advisors to successfully pass this training. The details of this training will issue closer to the date.

Yours sincerely

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