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Conditionality Requirements 2023



From 2023 Conditionality will replace Cross Compliance



Conditionality is a set of baseline requirements under the new CAP Strategic Plan

Beneficiaries of the Basic Income Support Scheme and other CAP Payments must adhere to these requirements



Conditionality includes measures that aim to address a number of issues

Conditionality consist of:

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Statutory Management Requirements (SMRs)

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Good Agricultural & Environmental Condition Standards (GAECs)

Statutory Management Requirements

SMR 1

Protection of waters against pollution caused by phosphates



SMR 2

Protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates



SMR 3

Conservation of wild birds



SMR 4

Conservation of natural habitats & wild flora & fauna



SMR 5

Food & feed hygiene



SMR 6

Restrictions on the use of substances having hormonal or thyrostatic action & beta-agonists in farm animals



SMR 7

Proper & safe use of plant protection products



SMR 8

Sustainable use of plant protection products



SMR 9

Minimum standards
for protection &
welfare of calves



SMR 10

Minimum standards
for the protection &
welfare of pigs



SMR 11

Minimum standards
for the protection &
welfare of animals
kept for farming
purposes



Good Agricultural & Environmental Condition Standards (GAECs)

GAEC 1

Maintenance of Permanent Grassland
(monitored nationally)



GAEC 2

Protecting Peatlands and Wetlands
(from 2024)



GAEC 3

Burning of Arable Stubble is not Allowed
(except for plant health reasons)



GAEC 4

Establishment of Buffer Strips Along Water Courses



GAEC 5

Tillage Management to Reduce the
Risk of Soil Degradation & Erosion



GAEC 6

Land Management Practices to Limit
Soil Erosion during Sensitive Periods



GAEC 7

Crop Rotation in Arable Land
(from 2024)



GAEC 8

Minimum Share of Agricultural Area (4%) devoted to Non-Productive Areas & Features, Retention of Landscape Features, Ban on Cutting Hedges & Trees during Bird Breeding & Nesting Season & Measures for Avoiding Invasive Plant Species

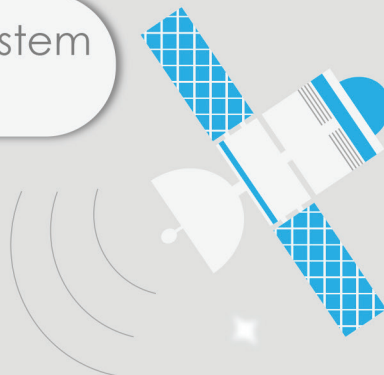


GAEC 9

Protection of Environmentally Sensitive
Permanent Grassland in Natura 2000 sites



Area Monitoring System (AMS)



Information from sentinel satellites will determine agricultural activity in a land parcel

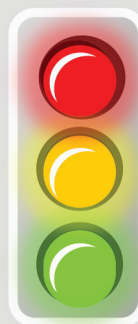


AMS will monitor land-based CAP Schemes

In 2023, this will include BISS, ANC, Protein Aid & SIM

Benefits: less inspections, warning alerts, facility to make changes

Compliance is indicated using a traffic light system



Potential Non-Compliance

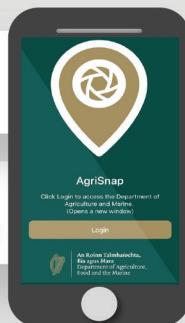
Inconclusive

Compliant

AgriSnap

Geotagged photo application

Geotag photos will contain GPS co-ordinates



Users can submit geotag photos to DAFM

May be requested for various schemes or in support of application queries

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