



ACRES Circular No. 18/2023

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Updates relating to certain actions in Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES)

Dear ACRES Advisor

The purpose of this Circular is to bring your attention to updates relating to certain ACRES actions, specifically:

1. The granting of extension to establishment deadline for specific arable-based actions, and
2. Procedure to be followed if/where changing location of actions whose location may be rotated.

1. Extension to establishment deadline for specific arable-based actions

As a result of the prolonged adverse weather conditions, an extension has been granted to the establishment deadline for the following actions only:

- a) Catch Crops
- b) Environmental Management of Arable Fallow (catch crop element only)
- c) Geese and Swans – Arable (catch crop element only)
- d) Grass margins - Arable
- e) Protection and maintenance of archaeological monuments - Arable
- f) Riparian buffer strips/zones – Arable

The final date for establishing the above six actions has been extended to 30th September 2023. This extension applies to 2023 only.

2. Procedure to be followed if/where changing location of actions whose location may be rotated.

There are four rotational area based general actions in ACRES, namely:

- Brassica Fodder Stubble,
- Catch Crops,
- Minimum Tillage and
- Over Winter Stubble.



ACRES participants may, with the prior permission of the Department, change the location of these actions to a parcel(s) other than what was declared for ACRES on their application under the Basis Income Support for Sustainability Scheme (BISS). This permission will be subject to the following requirements:

- Advance notification to the Department of intention to change the location of the action concerned before the relevant annual establishment deadline with such notification to be emailed to acres@agriculture.gov.ie or acrescp@agriculture.gov.ie ,
- Provision of the new parcel number(s) and
- Confirmation that the area(s) selected as new location for action is at least equal in size to the area approved in the ACRES contract for that action.

Yours sincerely,
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