

Circular 37/2015

13<sup>th</sup> November 2015

To: GLAS Advisors

Re: **Re: Withdrawal of GLAS Tranche I Approved Actions**

All applications for GLAS are validated based on the information contained in the application submitted on the online application system.

Any request to withdraw an action can only be considered after the application has been fully assessed and approved into the scheme and will require a reassessment of the application to ensure that all eligibility criteria and minimum scoring requirements continue to be respected.

#### **Withdrawal of Area Based Actions**

Area based actions can only be withdrawn on a whole LPIS parcel basis. However, where the action is to be delivered across a number of LPIS parcels it is not necessary to withdraw all parcels from the action; individual parcels can be identified and removed but each parcel on which the action is to be withdrawn must be individually identified in writing to the Department.

Splitting of approved parcels to facilitate withdrawing of an action will not be considered.

#### **Withdrawal of Linear and Unit Based Actions**

Linear or unit based actions can only be withdrawn in full.

#### **Implications of withdrawing actions**

##### ***PEAs and tier-promoting actions***

The withdrawal of

- A Priority Environmental Asset (PEA) action will result in the rejection of the application and termination of the contract
- An action that promoted the application to Tier 1 status will result in the rejection of the application and termination of the contract
- An action that promoted the application to Tier 2 status will result in the rejection of the application and termination of the contract

##### **Low-input Permanent Pasture (LIPP) & Traditional Hay Meadow (THM) on Natura Forgone Parcel**

Where LIPP or THM is claimed on a Natura parcel the prescription for the management of LIPP or THM is deemed to be the Natura management requirement on the parcel. Where the action is withdrawn the application will be rejected as the Natura PEA is no longer addressed and the contract will be terminated.

### **Implications for Tier three candidates**

Where actions are withdrawn the score of the remaining actions must be recalculated and if found to be below the minimum score required the application will be excluded in full from the scheme.

### **Payments**

In all cases where the contract continues after an action or parcel has been withdrawn the annual payment will be adjusted to reflect the changed situation of the application.

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