

Circular 32/2015

11<sup>th</sup> August 2015

To: GLAS Advisors

Re: **Guide to the Completion of the Commonage Management Plans (CMP) and Commonage Farm Plans (CFP)**

Further to GLAS Circular 30/2015, attached is a Guide to the Completion of the GLAS Commonage Management Plan.

The guide will assist advisors in their assessment of the commonage in terms of its condition and its stocking requirements. It also details the completion of plans using the online system.

The main components of the plan remain;

- Individual stocking density minimum to be reached by 2016.
- Commonage stocking density minimum to be reached by 2018.
- Facility for advisor to amend stocking density on the basis of scientific assessment.
- Identify months sheep will graze (minimum four months, less than six requires justification).
- Details of other activities for sustainable management of the commonage.
- Identify predominant habitats and their status.

A further Circular will issue when the online CMP/CFP function, which is under development, becomes available. It will include a mapping facility to amend the area declared under the Basic Payment Scheme.

Advisors may also find it helpful to access the original Commonage Framework Plans at <http://www.commonage.agriculture.gov.ie>.

The closing date for submission of Commonage Management Plans and Commonage Farm Plans is **31<sup>st</sup> October, 2015.**

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