

Circular 07/2015 – Issued by email

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To: GLAS Advisors

Re: GLAS Application System

Further changes and updates will be carried out on the GLAS Application system next week. These changes are to take account of issues raised by advisors in relation to the system or in relation to the practical implementation of GLAS on the ground. It is expected that these changes will go live by the end of next week.

Specific (i) Bird (ii) Watercourses and (iii) Catch Crops Circulars will issue on Monday to further explain the changes below, as well as a Circular on Commonages. A revised Terms and Conditions and Specification will also be published incorporating all amendments.

- Revised declarations (**all applications, which have already accepted the existing declarations will now have those declarations un-ticked and replaced; the new ones must be re-ticked**).
- Split Parcel bird actions allowed in certain circumstances.
- New Action 'Watercourse advised by GLAS is not present' (to advise high status water / vulnerable water not present)
- New Action 'Mountain Land / Rough Grazing not grazed by bovines' (to advise high status water / vulnerable water action not required as mountain land / rough grazing not grazed by bovines).
- High status water/Vulnerable Water action not required/allowed on split bird parcel.
- New Actions – Catch Crops (whole of parcel – non payable) and Catch Crops (part of parcel – non payable)
- Natura action will no longer be displayed where Farmland Bird identified (Natura actions will also be removed from existing applications where it would not now be displayed. Natura action will no longer need to be chosen in these situations, although SMP will still be required).
- Where Natura is foregone for another action e.g. LIPP the Natura action will no longer need to be chosen but an SMP will be required. Applications already created will now only show the non-Natura action.
- Natura Site codes with a reference area <0, or LPIS parcels with a reference area <0 will no longer form part of the SMP (Sustainable Management Plan).
- New reasons for excluding a parcel (not in holding for the duration of the scheme but catch crops being planted for equivalence purposes; Farmland Bird Derogation <= 20% removed from GLAS contract on farm viability ground; Farmland Bird Derogation >20% removed from GLAS contract on farm viability grounds).
- Vulnerable Water actions –not mandatory for dry land.
- Revised mapping tool.

Yours sincerely,

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