

Regulation of farming

The Common Agricultural Policy reforms (agreed by the European Community in June 2003) shifts the focus of support away from production based subsidy schemes to a single payment, which will free farmers to respond to market and consumer needs. Payment is linked to complying with environmental, food safety, animal and plant health and animal welfare standards. Guidance for Cross Compliance in Wales 2007 can be found at http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/countryside_policy/farming/CAP/crosscomplianceguidance/?lang=en

LIST OF STATUTORY MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS (SMRs) UNDER CROSS COMPLIANCE REGULATIONS:

SMR1&2 – Framework for the identification and registration of bovine animals regarding the labelling of beef and beef products

SMR3 – Identification and registration of animals e.g. tagging and record keeping requirements

SMR4 – Sheep identification and registration requirements

SMR5 – Protection of groundwater against pollution

SMR6 – Conservation of flora and fauna

SMR7 – Conservation of wild birds

SMR8 – Protection of water in Nitrate Vulnerable Zones

SMR9 – Protection of the environment, and in particular soils, when sewage sludge is used in agriculture

SMR10 – Ban on using substances having a hormonal or thyrostatic function and beta-agonists in farm animals

SMR11 – The placing of plant protection products on the market (e.g. not using unlicensed sheep dip)

SMR12 – Prevention, control and eradication of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies

SMR13,14&15 – Control and eradication of Foot and Mouth, Swine fever and Bluetongue

SMR 16 – General principles and requirements of food law

SMR 17 – Welfare standards for the protection of animals kept for farming purposes

SMR18 – Welfare standards for the protection of calves

SMR 19 – Welfare standards for the protection of pigs