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SCHEDULE Derogations from requirement to have farmed for two years land set A farmer shall be entitled to claim set-aside compensatory 1 payment... For the purposes of this Schedule—(a) a farmer has... **SCHEDULE** Management requirements in relation to set-aside land Part A — Management Options for set-aside land Management options for set-aside land 1. 2. The Grassland Option 3. The Natural Regeneration Option The Wild Bird Cover Option 4. The Field Margins Option 5 6 The Penalty Set-Aside/Existing Crop Option Cutting or destruction of the green cover 7. Exemptions from the requirement to establish a green cover on set-8. 9. Exemptions from the requirement to maintain a green cover on setaside land Part B — General Management Conditions Applying to All Set-aside Land Application of conditions to all set-aside land 10. Restriction on cutting the green cover 11. Prohibition on sowing and preparation for sowing a crop on the set-12. aside land and cultivation of the set-aside land Exemptions from the prohibition on sowing and preparation for 13 sowing a crop on the set-aside land Conditions regarding the cultivation of the set-aside land 14. 15. Replacement of the green cover and changing management options 16. Use of the green cover 17. Prohibition on the application of fertilisers, lime and waste to the set-aside land 18. Application of fertiliser, waste and lime to land which is neither guaranteed set-aside land nor environmental transferred set-aside 19. Application of fungicides and insecticides to the set-aside land Application of herbicides to the set-aside land 20 Retention of features on the set-aside land 21. Part C — Special conditions Applying to Guaranteed Set-aside Land 22. Application of conditions to guaranteed set-aside land 23. Application of fertiliser, waste and lime to guaranteed set-aside land 24. Permitted agricultural production Part D — Exception Relating to Environmental Transferred Set-aside Land The application of organic waste and lime SCHEDULE Requirements in relation to land set aside for the provision of specified raw materials 1. Retention of features on the set-aside land 2 Application of fertilisers and waste to the set-aside land 3. Adjustment or annulment of contracts relating to the provision of

specified raw materials grown on set-aside land

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