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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2000 No. 301**

**AGRICULTURE**

**The Sheep Annual Premium (Amendment) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 2000**

*Made* . . . . . 17th October 2000

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 27th November 2000

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development being a Department designated(a) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(b) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Sheep Annual Premium (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 27th November 2000.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(c) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

*Amendment*

**2.** For paragraph (2) of regulation 3 (application for a premium) of the Sheep Annual Premium Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(d) there shall be substituted—

“(2) A producer who applies for a premium in respect of a given marketing year shall deliver his application to the competent authority—

- (a) on or after 27th November in the preceding calendar year; and
- (b) not later than 29th December in the preceding calendar year (both dates inclusive) or if 29th December is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday the next following working day.”.

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(a) S.I. 1972/1811  
(b) 1972 c. 68; section 2 is subject to Schedule 2 to that Act and is to be read with S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3), S.R. 1984 No. 253 and S.I. 1994/2795 (N.I. 15)  
(c) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)  
(d) S.R. 1992 No. 476 as previously amended by S.R. 1994 No. 404, S.R. 1995 No. 403 and S.R. 1996 No. 497, S.R. 1997 No. 485 and S.R. 1999 No. 457

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture and Rural  
Development on 17th October 2000.

(L.S.)

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Agriculture and Rural Development

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations further amend the Sheep Annual Premium Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 (“the 1992 Regulations”) to provide for a shorter period in which to apply for sheep annual premium in respect of any marketing year as defined by Article 3(3) of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2467/98 (O.J. No. L312, 10.11.98, p. 1). A producer shall deliver his application on or after 27th November and not later than 29th December in the preceding calendar year. Previously the producer was requested to deliver his application in the period from 8th December 1999 to 19th January 2000.

The 1992 Regulations continue to implement, as respects Northern Ireland, the Council Regulations set out in the Explanatory Note to those Regulations.

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