WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. 2900

The Rural Development Programmes and Agricultural Subsidies and Grants Schemes (Appeals) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2007

Amendments to the Rural Development Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2006

- **2.**—(1) The Rural Development Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2006(1) are amended in accordance with this regulation.
 - (2) In regulation 2—
 - (a) in the definition of "beneficiary" in paragraph (1), after "assistance" insert "or a person who has taken over the commitments of such a person",
 - (b) after paragraph (1), insert "(2) Any reference in these Regulations to a Community instrument is a reference to that instrument as amended from time to time.".
 - (3) In regulation 3, after paragraph (2), insert—
 - "(3) The Welsh Ministers may enter into arrangements with a group which has been selected to implement a local development strategy in accordance with Article 37 of Commission Regulation 1974/2006, for that group to make payments of financial assistance on behalf of the Welsh Ministers and for that group to exercise powers of recovery in accordance with regulation 9".
 - (4) In regulation 7(2), after paragraph (e) insert—
 - "(f) providing a control report in accordance with Article 13 of Commission Regulation 1975/2006; and
 - (g) determining whether there has been a non-compliance."
 - (5) In regulation 7(3), after paragraph (e) insert—
 - "(f) if necessary for the purposes of paragraph (2)—
 - (i) inspect and count livestock on the land, and
 - (ii) require the applicant or beneficiary, or any employee, servant or agent of such beneficiary, to arrange for the collection, penning and securing of such livestock."
 - (6) In regulation 14(3)—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (b) after the words "for which aid is paid)" insert "and regulation 16 (5) (withholding and recovery of aid, termination and exclusion)",
 - (b) delete sub-paragraph (c),
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (d), after "2006" delete "." and insert "; and",
 - (d) after sub-paragraph (d) insert—
 - "(e) regulation 16(6) (Assembly's powers of recovery etc.) of the Farm Enterprise Grant and Farm Improvement Grant (Wales) Regulations 2001(2)."

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 2006/3343 (W.304).

⁽²⁾ S.I 2001/3806 (W.314)

- (7) Paragraph (6)(b) revives the provision referred to in regulation 14(3)(c) to the extent that the continued operation of that provision is saved by regulation 14(2).
 - (8) In paragraph 2 of the Schedule, for "1689" substitute "1698".
 - (9) In the Schedule, after paragraph (7), add—
 - ****8.** Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1975/2006 of 23 December 2006 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1698/2005 as regards the implementation of control procedures as well as cross-compliance in respect of rural development support measures.
 - **9.** Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1974/2006 of 23 December 2006 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1698/2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).".