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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF APPEALS OFFICERS TO REVIEW ON APPEAL DECISIONS OF OFFICERS OF THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN RELATION TO CERTAIN SCHEMES AND TO PROVIDE FOR CONNECTED MATTERS. [9*th July*, 2001]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

**Annotations**

**Modifications (not altering text):**

**C1** Prospective affecting provision: application of Act subject to transitional provisions in *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 15, not commenced as of date of revision.

**Transitional provisions**

**15.**—(1) The Act of 2001 shall have effect as amended by this Part on and after the commencement date in respect of a pre-commencement decision if immediately before the commencement date—

(*a*) no request has been made for revision of the decision by an appeals officer under section 10(1) of the Act of 2001 or by the Director under section 10(2) of that Act,

(*b*) a request for revision of the decision by an appeals officer under section 10(1) of the Act of 2001 has been made but not determined, or

(*c*) a request for revision of the decision by the Director under section 10(2) of the Act of 2001 has been made but not determined (in which case the Director shall make administrative arrangements to transfer the request to the Review Panel for consideration under section 10A of that Act).

(2) The period allowed by section 10(1A) or *subsection (1)*, be taken to be the period of 12 months beginning with the commencement date.*10A(2)*(b) of the Act of 2001 for requesting a revision shall, in the application of those provisions by virtue of

(3) In relation to any pre-commencement decision to which *subsection (1)* does not apply, the Act of 2001 shall continue to have effect as if this Part had not come into operation.

(4) In this section—

"commencement date" means the date on which *section 9* comes into operation;

"pre-commencement decision" means a decision made before the commencement date by an appeals officer under section 7(4) or 10(1) of the Act of 2001.

Interpretation.

**1.**—(1) In this Act—

"appeals officer" means an appeals officer appointed under *section 2*;

"Civil Service" means the Civil Service of the Government and the Civil Service of the State;

"Director" means Director of Agriculture Appeals;

"functions" includes powers, duties and obligations;

"Minister" means Minister for Agriculture, Food and Rural Development;

"prescribed" means prescribed by regulations made by the Minister.

(2) In this Act—

(*a*) a reference to a section or Schedule is a reference to a section of or Schedule to this Act, unless it is indicated that reference to some other enactment is intended,

(*b*) a reference to a subsection or paragraph is a reference to the subsection or paragraph of the provision in which the reference occurs, unless it is indicated that reference to some other provision is intended,

(*c*) a reference to an enactment includes a reference to that enactment as amended or extended by or under any subsequent enactment including this Act, and

(*d*) a reference to a statutory instrument shall be construed as a reference to that instrument as amended, adapted or extended by any subsequent statutory instrument.

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F1** Inserted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 3, not commenced as of date of revision.

**Modifications (not altering text):**

**C2** Prospective affecting provision: definitions inserted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 3, not commenced as of date of revision.

F1**[**"Deputy Director" means the Deputy Director of Agriculture Appeals designated under section 4**]**

F1**[**"party", in relation to an appeal against a decision as to entitlement under a scheme set out in Schedule 1, means the appellant or the Minister;**]**

F1**[**"Review Panel" means the Agriculture Appeals Review Panel established under *section 4A*;**]**

**C3** Name of Minister for and Department of **Agriculture, Food and Rural Development** changed to:

• **Agriculture and Food** (19.06.2002) by *Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2002* (S.I. No. 306 of 2002), in effect as per art. 1(2);

• **Agriculture, Fisheries and Food** (20.10.2007) by *Agriculture and Food (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2007* (S.I. No. 705 of 2007), in effect as per art. 1(2);

• **Agriculture, Food and the Marine** (17.10.2011) by *Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2011* (S.I. No. 455 of 2011), in effect as per art. 1(2).

Appointment of appeals officers.

**2.**—The Minister may appoint such and so many of his or her officers or, F2**[**following selection at competitions held under the Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Act 2004,**]** other persons holding positions within the Civil Service,

as he or she considers appropriate, to be appeals officers for the purposes of this Act.

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F2** Substituted (6.10.2004) by *Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Act 2004* (33/2004), s. 61(1) and sch. 2 part 1.

Director of Agriculture Appeals.

**3.**—The Minister shall, following selection at a competition held by the Committee on Top Level Appointments in the Civil Service or F3**[**held under the Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Act 2004,**]** appoint a person holding a position within the Civil Service as the chief appeals officer who shall be known as the Director of Agriculture Appeals, and is in this Act referred to as the "Director".

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F3** Substituted (6.10.2004) by *Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Act 2004* (33/2004), s. 61(1) and sch. 2 part 1.

Deputy Director of Agriculture Appeals.

**4.**—One of the appeals officers shall be designated by the Minister to act as the deputy for the Director when he or she is not available.

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F4** Substituted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 4, not commenced as of date of revision.

**Modifications (not altering text):**

**C4** Prospective affecting provision: section substituted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 4, not commenced as of date of revision.

**4.**—F4**[**One of the appeals officers shall be designated by the Minister to act as the deputy for the Director when the Director is not available and to perform any other function of the Director at the request of the Director.**]**

Agriculture Appeals Review Panel

**4A.**— …

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F5** Inserted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 5, not commenced as of date of revision.

**Modifications (not altering text):**

**C5** Prospective affecting provision: section inserted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 5, not commenced as of date of revision.

F5**[4A.**— (1) The Minister shall establish an Agriculture Appeals Review Panel.

(2) The function of the Review Panel shall be to conduct reviews of decisions made by appeals officers referred to it in accordance with *section 10A(1)*.

(3) *Schedule 3* shall have effect in relation to the Review Panel.**]**

**Editorial Notes:**

**E1** The section heading is taken from the amending section in the absence of one included in the amendment.

Functions of appeals officers.

**5.**—(1) The functions of appeals officers shall be to consider and make determinations on appeals made by affected persons against decisions taken by officers of the Minister in respect of applications for entitlement under the schemes set out in F6**[***Schedule 1***]**.

F6**[**(2) The Minister may, for the purpose of—

(*a*) the reorganisation of schemes,

(*b*) deleting spent schemes,

(*c*) giving persons an appeal in respect of applications under schemes that may come into existence, or

(*d*) in the case of any enactments or statutory instruments, giving persons an appeal in respect of applications under enactments or statutory instruments that may be passed or made (and not for the time being set out in Schedule 2),

amend by regulations *Schedule 1* or *2*, as appropriate, by adding an item to, or deleting an item from, either of those Schedules.**]**

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F6** Substituted (24.05.2017) by *Forestry Act 2014* (31/2014), s. 35(a)(i), (ii), S.I. No. 189 of 2017.

**Editorial Notes:**

**E2** Power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (27.11.2025) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Regulations 2025* (S.I. No. 567 of 2025).

**E3** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (17.07.2025) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2025* (S.I. No. 342 of 2025); revoked (27.11.2025) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Regulations 2025* (S.I. No. 567 of 2025), reg. 3.

**E4** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (17.07.2024) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2024* (S.I. No. 369 of 2024); revoked (17.07.2025) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2025* (S.I. No. 342 of 2025), reg. 3.

**E5** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (11.10.2023) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2023* (S.I. No. 521 of 2023); revoked (17.07.2024) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2024* (S.I. No. 369 of 2024), reg. 3.

**E6** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (22.12.2022) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Regulations 2022* (S.I. No. 743 of 2022); revoked (11.10.2023) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2023* (S.I. No. 521 of 2023), reg. 3.

**E7** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (28.07.2022) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2022* (S.I. No. 383 of 2022); revoked (22.12.2022) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Regulations 2022* (S.I. No. 743 of 2022), reg. 3.

**E8** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (16.07.2021) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2021* (S.I. No. 368 of 2021); revoked (28.07.2022) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2022* (S.I. No. 383 of 2022), reg. 3.

**E9** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (23.09.2020) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2020* (S.I. No. 415 of 2020); superseded (16.07.2021) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2021* (S.I. No. 368 of 2021).

**E10** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (2.10.2019) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2019* (S.I. No. 556 of 2019); superseded (23.09.2020) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2020* (S.I. No. 415 of 2020).

**E11** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (11.05.2018) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2018* (S.I. No. 164 of 2018); superseded (2.10.2019) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2019* (S.I. No. 556 of 2019).

**E12** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (24.05.2017) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2017* (S.I. No. 219 of 2017); superseded (11.05.2018) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2018* (S.I. No. 164 of 2018).

**E13** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (20.12.2016) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2016* (S.I. No. 638 of 2016); revoked (24.05.2017) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2017* (S.I. No. 219 of 2017), reg. 4.

**E14** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (25.06.2015) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2015* (S.I. No. 276 of 2015); revoked (20.12.2016) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2016* (S.I. No. 638 of 2016), reg. 3(h).

**E15** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (14.01.2014) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2013* (S.I. No. 10 of 2014); revoked (20.12.2016) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2016* (S.I. No. 638 of 2016), reg. 3(g).

**E16** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (2.03.2011) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2011* (S.I. No. 106 of 2011); revoked (20.12.2016) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2016* (S.I. No. 638 of 2016), reg. 3(f).

**E17** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (29.05.2008) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2008* (S.I. No. 169 of 2008); revoked (20.12.2016) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2016* (S.I. No. 638 of 2016), reg. 3(e).

**E18** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (16.11.2006) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Regulations 2006* (S.I. No. 584 of 2006); revoked (20.12.2016) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2016* (S.I. No. 638 of 2016), reg. 3(d).

**E19** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (3.02.2006) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2006* (S.I. No. 65 of 2006); revoked (20.12.2016) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2016* (S.I. No. 638 of 2016), reg. 3(c).

**E20** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (3.08.2004) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2004* (S.I. No. 507 of 2004); revoked (20.12.2016) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2016* (S.I. No. 638 of 2016), reg. 3(b).

**E21** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (6.12.2002) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2002* (S.I. No. 558 of 2002); revoked (20.12.2016) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2016* (S.I. No. 638 of 2016), reg. 3(a).

Independence of appeals officers.

**6.**—Appeals officers shall, subject to this Act, be independent in the performance of their functions.

Right of appeal.

**7.**—(1) Where a person is dissatisfied with a decision given by an officer of the Minister in respect of that person's entitlement under any of the schemes set out in F7**[***Schedule 1***]**, the decision shall, on notice of appeal being given to the Director, within the prescribed time and in the prescribed form, be referred to an appeals officer.

(2) Regulations may provide for the procedure to be followed on appeals under this Act.

(3) An appeals officer, when deciding a question referred under *subsection (1)*, shall not be confined to the grounds on which the decision of the deciding officer was based, but may decide the question as if it were being decided for the first time.

(4) An appeals officer shall determine an appeal, as soon as is practicable, having regard to any guidelines issued or regulations made in this regard by the Minister.

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F7** Substituted (24.05.2017) by *Forestry Act 2014* (31/2014), s. 35(b), S.I. No. 189 of 2017.

**Editorial Notes:**

**E22** Power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (11.09.2023) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Section 14A) Regulations 2023* (S.I. No. 423 of 2023).

**E23** Power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (12.07.2021) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Section 14A) Regulations 2021* (S.I. No. 353 of 2021).

**E24** Power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (7.10.2020) by *Forestry Appeals Committee Regulations 2020* (S.I. No. 418 of 2020).

**E25** Power pursuant to section exercised (13.05.2002) by *Agriculture Appeals Regulations 2002* (S.I. No. 193 of 2002).

**E26** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (25.02.2018) by *Forestry Appeals Committee Regulations 2018* (S.I. No. 68 of 2018); revoked (7.10.2020) by *Forestry Appeals Committee Regulations 2020* (S.I. No. 418 of 2020), reg. 11.

Oral hearings.

**8.**—(1) An appeals officer shall, if so requested by the appellant, hold an oral hearing for the purpose of an appeal referred to him or her under this Act.

(2) An oral hearing under this section shall be held in private.

(3) An appellant may represent himself or herself or be represented by another person at the oral hearing of his or her appeal.

(4) Where an appellant is represented by another person at the oral hearing of his or her appeal, the appeals officer hearing the appeal may examine the appellant, if the appeals officer considers it necessary.

(5) An appeals officer, on the hearing of any matter referred to him or her under this Act, shall have the power to take evidence on oath or affirmation and for that purpose may administer oaths or affirmations to persons attending as witnesses at such hearing.

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F8** Inserted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 6(a), (b) not commenced as of date of revision.

**Modifications (not altering text):**

**C6** Prospective affecting provision: subss. (2A), (6) inserted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 6(a), (b), not commenced as of date of revision.

**8.**— …

F8**[**(2A) An oral hearing may be heard—

(*a*) in person, or

(*b*) subject to the agreement of the parties, remotely by electronic means.**]**

…

F8**[**(6) An appeals officer may consider and determine an appeal notwithstanding—

(*a*) the failure of a party to cooperate when an appeals officer is arranging an oral hearing, or

(*b*) the failure of a party or any other person to attend an oral hearing to give evidence or be examined in relation to the appeal.**]**

Decisions.

**9.**—(1) The decision of an appeals officer and the reasons for making that decision shall be notified in writing to the appellant.

(2) A document purporting to be a decision made under this Act by an appeals officer and to be signed by him or her shall be *prima facie* evidence of the making of the decision without proof of the signature of such officer or his or her official capacity.

(3) The decision of an appeals officer on any question referred to him or her under *section 7(1)* shall, subject to *sections 10* and *11*, be final and conclusive.

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F9** Substituted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 7, not commenced as of date of revision.

**Modifications (not altering text):**

**C7** Prospective affecting provision: subs. (3) amended by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 7, not commenced as of date of revision.

**9.**— …

(3) The decision of an appeals officer on any question referred to him or her under *section 7(1)* shall, subject to *sections* F9**[***10, 10A***]** and *11*, be final and conclusive.

Revised Decisions by Director and appeals officers.

**10.**—(1) An appeals officer may, at any time revise any decision of an appeals officer, if it appears to him or her that the decision was erroneous in the light of new evidence or of new facts brought to his or her notice since the date on which it was given, or if it appears to him or her that there has been any relevant change of circumstances since the decision was given.

(2) The Director may, at any time, revise any decision of an appeals officer, if it appears to him or her that the decision was erroneous by reason of some mistake having been made in relation to the law or the facts.

(3) A revised decision given under this section shall take effect from such date as the appeals officer concerned determines or considers appropriate having regard to the circumstances of the case.

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F10** Deleted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 8(b), not commenced as of date of revision.

**F11** Inserted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), ss. 8(a), (c) not commenced as of date of revision.

**Modifications (not altering text):**

**C8** Prospective affecting provision: subss. (1A), (4)-(6) inserted and subs. (2) deleted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 8, not commenced as of date of revision.

**10.**— …

F11**[**(1A) A revision may be made under *subsection (1)* only if requested by a party to the appeal during the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the decision of the appeals officer was given.**]**

(2) F10**[**...**]**

F11**[**(4) An appeals officer revising a decision under this section shall send written notice of the revised decision to the parties to the appeal.

(5) A revised decision under this section shall, subject to *sections 10A* and *11*, be final and conclusive.

(6) A reference in *section 10A* or *11* to a revised decision under this section includes a reference to a decision of an appeals officer not to revise a decision.**]**

Revised decisions by Review Panel

**10A.**— …

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F12** Inserted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 9, not commenced as of date of revision.

**Modifications (not altering text):**

**C9** Prospective affecting provision: section inserted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 9, not commenced as of date of revision.

F12**[10A.**—(1) The Review Panel may conduct a review of—

(*a*) a decision of an appeals officer under *section 7(4)*, or

(*b*) a revised decision of an appeals officer under *section 10*, and may revise the decision concerned.

(2) A revision under *subsection (1)* may be made only if—

(*a*) it appears to the Review Panel that the decision was erroneous by reason of a mistake of law or fact, and

(*b*) the revision is requested by a party to the appeal during the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the decision was given.

(3) A revised decision under this section shall take effect from such date as the Review Panel determines having regard to the circumstances of the case.

(4) A revised decision under this section shall, subject to *section 11*, be final and conclusive.**]**

**Editorial Notes:**

**E27** The section heading is taken from the amending section in the absence of one included in the amendment.

Appeals to High Court.

**11.**—Any person dissatisfied with—

(*a*) the decision of an appeals officer, or

(*b*) the revised decision of the Director,

may appeal that decision or revised decision, as the case may be, to the High Court on any question of law.

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F13** Substituted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 10, not commenced as of date of revision.

**Modifications (not altering text):**

**C10** Prospective affecting provision: amended by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 10, not commenced as of date of revision.

F13**[11.**—(1) A party to an appeal may appeal any of the following decisions to the High Court on a question of law:

(*a*) a decision of an appeals officer under *section 7(4)*;

(*b*) a revised decision of an appeals officer under *section 10*;

(*c*) a revised decision of the Review Panel under *section 10A*, including a decision of the Review Panel not to revise a decision.

(2) In an appeal under *subsection (1)(a)* or *(b)*, the Director shall be the respondent.

(3) In an appeal under *subsection (1)(c)*, the Review Panel shall be the respondent.**]**

Representations under National Beef Assurance Scheme Act, 2000.

**12.**—F14**[**...**]**

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F14** Repealed (6.03.2014) by *Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013* (15/2013), s. 4 and sch. 1, S.I. No. 106 of 2014.

Representations by certain animal and poultry dealers.

**13.**—F15**[**...**]**

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F15** Repealed (6.03.2014) by *Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013* (15/2013), s. 4 and sch. 1, S.I. No. 106 of 2014.

Annual reports.

**14.**—(1) As soon as may be after the end of each year, but not later than 6 months thereafter, the Director shall make a report to the Minister of his or her activities and the activities of the appeals officers under this Act during that year and the Minister shall cause copies of the report to be laid before each House of the Oireachtas.

(2) A report under *subsection (1)* shall be in such form and shall include information in regard to such matters (if any) other than those referred to in that subsection as the Minister may direct.

(3) The Director shall, whenever so requested by the Minister, furnish to him or her information in relation to such matters as he or she may specify concerning his or her activities or the activities of appeals officers under this Act.

F16**[**(4) As soon as may be after the end of each year, but not later than 6 months thereafter, the chairperson of the Forestry Appeals Committee shall make a report to the Minister of his or her activities, and of the activities of the Committee, under this Act during that year and the Minister shall cause copies of that report to be laid before each House of the Oireachtas. A copy of the report will at the same time be made available to the public on the Government of Ireland website and the Government Publications Office.

(5) A report made under *subsection (4)* shall be in such form and shall include information in regard to such matters (if any) other than those referred to in that subsection as the Minister may direct.

(6) The chairperson of the Forestry Appeals Committee shall, whenever so requested by the Minister, furnish to him or her information in relation to such matters as the Minister may specify concerning the chairperson's activities, or the activities of the Committee, under this Act.**]**

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F16** Inserted (6.10.2020) by *Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (15/2020), s. 2, S.I. No. 412 of 2020.

**F17** Inserted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 11(a), (b), not commenced as of date of revision.

**Modifications (not altering text):**

**C11** Prospective affecting provision: subss. (1), (3) amended by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 11(a), (b), not commenced as of date of revision.

**14.**— …

(1) As soon as may be after the end of each year, but not later than 6 months thereafter, the Director shall make a report to the Minister of his or her activities and the activities of the appeals officers F17**[**and the Review Panel**]** under this Act during that year and the Minister shall cause copies of the report to be laid before each House of the Oireachtas.

…

(3) The Director shall, whenever so requested by the Minister, furnish to him or her information in relation to such matters as he or she may specify concerning his or her activities or the activities of appeals officers F17**[**and the Review Panel**]** under this Act.

F18**[**Establishment of Forestry Appeals Committee and its function

**14A.**—(1) The Minister shall establish a committee, which shall be known and is in this Act referred to as the Forestry Appeals Committee, consisting of a chairperson and such and so many other members (not being less than 2) as the Minister determines.

F19**[**(1A) The Minister shall appoint the chairperson and such number of members as he or she considers appropriate to the Forestry Appeals Committee.

(1B) The Minister may designate one or more than one member of the Forestry Appeals Committee to perform the functions of a deputy chairperson (in this Act referred to as a "deputy chairperson").**]**

(2) The function of the Forestry Appeals Committee shall be to hear and determine appeals specified in *subsection (4)*.

F19**[**(2A) The Forestry Appeals Committee may sit in divisions.

(2B) A deputy chairperson may chair a division of the Forestry Appeals Committee.

(2C) A division of the Forestry Appeals Committee shall comprise at least 2 persons, being—

(*a*) the chairperson or a deputy chairperson, and

(*b*) one other member of the Committee.

(2D) Where a division of the Forestry Appeals Committee includes the chairperson and one or more than one deputy chairperson, a deputy chairperson shall, for the purposes of *subsection (2C)(b)*, be considered to be a member of the Committee.

(2E) Where a division of the Forestry Appeals Committee is composed of 2 persons, and the Committee cannot reach a unanimous determination of an appeal specified

in *subsection (4)*, the appeal shall be reconsidered by a division composed of 3 other persons.

(2F) The Forestry Appeals Committee shall be independent in the performance of its functions.**]**

(3) An officer of the Minister shall be eligible for appointment as a member (including as chairperson) of the Forestry Appeals Committee F20**[**...**]**.

F21**[**(4) (*a*) Where a person is dissatisfied by a decision made by the Minister under an enactment or statutory instrument specified in Schedule (2) (referred to in this section and *sections 14B* and *14D* as a "decision") he or she may, within a period of 28 days beginning on the date of the decision, appeal to the Forestry Appeals Committee against the decision.

(*b*) The Minister may, having regard to the public interest in the efficient conduct and determination of appeals, prescribe a period which shall be not longer than 28 days and not shorter than 14 days to be the period, of less than the period of 28 days referred to in *paragraph (a)*, within which an appeal may be brought under that *paragraph (a)*.**]**

(5) The decision of the Forestry Appeals Committee on such an appeal shall F22**[**...**]** be final and conclusive.

(6) F22**[**...**]]**

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F18** Inserted (24.05.2017) by *Forestry Act 2014* (31/2014), s. 35(c), S.I. No. 189 of 2017.

**F19** Inserted (6.10.2020) by *Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (15/2020), s. 3(a), (b), S.I. No. 412 of 2020, subject to transitional provisions in s. 6(1)(a).

**F20** Deleted (6.10.2020) by *Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (15/2020), s. 3(c), S.I. No. 412 of 2020, subject to transitional provisions in s. 6(1)(a).

**F21** Substituted (6.10.2020) by *Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (15/2020), s. 3(d), S.I. No. 412 of 2020.

**F22** Deleted (6.10.2020) by *Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (15/2020), s. 3(e), (f), S.I. No. 412 of 2020, subject to transitional provisions in s. 6(1)(b).

**Editorial Notes:**

**E28** Power pursuant to subs. (4)(b) exercised (11.09.2023) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Section 14A) Regulations 2023* (S.I. No. 423 of 2023).

**E29** Power pursuant to subs. (4)(b) exercised (12.07.2021) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Section 14A) Regulations 2021* (S.I. No. 353 of 2021).

F23**[**Conduct of appeal

**14B.**—(1) A person (in this section referred to as an "appellant") shall, when making an appeal under *section 14A(4)* (in this section, and *sections 14C*, *14D*, *14E* and *14F* referred to as an "appeal") and during the conduct of the appeal, comply with the requirements of this section, any regulations made under *sections 7(2)*, *14E*, *14F* and *15*, any rules made under *subsection (2)* and *section 14C(2)*, and any direction issued under *subsection (3)*, and where a person does not so comply, the appeal shall be invalid and shall not be considered by the Forestry Appeals Committee.

(2) The Forestry Appeals Committee may make such rules in relation to the conduct of appeals as it considers appropriate and shall publish those rules on a website maintained by or on behalf of the Committee.

(3) The Forestry Appeals Committee may, for the purpose of ensuring the efficient, fair and timely determination of an appeal, issue a direction in respect of the conduct of the appeal.

(4) An appellant shall, when making an appeal, state all of the grounds upon which the appeal is made and provide to the Forestry Appeals Committee all of the documents and evidence upon which he or she intends to rely to support those grounds.

(5) A party to an appeal other than the appellant shall, when responding to an appeal, state all of the grounds upon which he or she responds to the appeal and provide to the Forestry Appeals Committee all of the documents and evidence upon which he or she intends to rely to support those grounds.

(6) Subject to *subsection (7)*, a party to an appeal shall not be entitled, during the course of an appeal, to make submissions to the Forestry Appeals Committee other than submissions related to the grounds stated, or documents and evidence provided under *subsection (4)* or *(5)*.

(7) The Forestry Appeals Committee may, where it considers it necessary or expedient for the fair and proper determination of an appeal, require or permit a party to an appeal to—

(*a*) make submissions to the Committee other than submissions related to the grounds stated or documents and evidence provided under *subsection (4)* or *(5)*, or

(*b*) provide documents or evidence to the Committee other than documents or evidence provided under *subsection (4)* or *(5)*.

(8) The Forestry Appeals Committee may refuse to consider submissions, documents or evidence where—

(*a*) the submissions, documents or evidence are not relevant to the appeal, or

(*b*) it is considered appropriate so as to avoid undue repetition of submissions.

(9) The Forestry Appeals Committee may require any person to provide any information which it may reasonably require for the purposes of considering the appeal.

(10) (*a*) The Forestry Appeals Committee may, where it considers it necessary or expedient in determining an appeal, carry out a screening for an environmental impact assessment, an environmental impact assessment, a screening for an appropriate assessment, or an appropriate assessment.

(*b*) In this subsection—

"screening for an environmental impact assessment" means a determination—

(i) as to whether the proposed activity to which the decision being appealed refers would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, and

(ii) if the proposed activity would be likely to have such effects, that an environmental impact assessment is required;

"environmental impact assessment" has the meaning given to it by the Forestry Act 2014;

"screening for an appropriate assessment" means an assessment under Part 5 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011);

"appropriate assessment" has the meaning given to it by the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011.

(11) The Forestry Appeals Committee may dismiss an appeal which is vexatious.

(12) In considering an appeal, the Forestry Appeals Committee—

(*a*) shall have regard to the record of the decision the subject of the appeal, and

(*b*) may, where it considers it necessary or expedient for the fair and proper determination of the appeal, have regard to such submissions, documents or evidence not contained in the record of the decision as the Committee considers appropriate.

(13) Following consideration of an appeal, the Forestry Appeals Committee may—

(*a*) affirm the decision,

(*b*) where it is satisfied that a serious or significant error or a series of errors was made in making the decision the subject of the appeal or that the decision was made without complying with fair procedure—

(i) vary the decision,

(ii) allow the appeal and set aside the decision,

(iii) set aside the decision and remit it, for stated reasons, to the Minister, or

(iv) where the Committee considers it appropriate to do so, by reference to submissions, documents or evidence before it which were not considered by the Minister or for other good reason, substitute its decision for the decision of the Minister.

(14) The Forestry Appeals Committee shall give notice of its determination under *subsection (13)* to the Minister, the appellant and such other parties as the Committee may determine, as soon as practicable after it is made.**]**

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F23** Inserted (6.10.2020) by *Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (15/2020), s. 4, S.I. No. 412 of 2020, subject to transitional provisions in s. 6(2)(a), (b).

F24**[**Oral hearing **14C.**—(1) The Forestry Appeals Committee shall determine an appeal without an oral hearing unless, having regard to the particular circumstances of the appeal, it considers that it is necessary to conduct an oral hearing in order to properly and fairly determine the appeal.

(2) The Forestry Appeals Committee may make such rules in relation to the conduct of oral hearings as it considers appropriate and shall publish those rules on a website maintained by or on behalf of the Committee.

(3) The chairperson or a deputy chairperson of the Forestry Appeals Committee shall have discretion as to the conduct of an oral hearing under this section and shall conduct the hearing expeditiously and without undue formality.

(4) The Forestry Appeals Committee may, by notice in writing, require a person to attend an oral hearing, at such time and place as is specified in the notice, to give evidence in respect of any matter in issue in an appeal or to produce any relevant documents within his or her possession or control, or within his or her procurement.

(5) The Forestry Appeals Committee may, for the purposes of an oral hearing, take evidence on oath or on affirmation and may for that purpose cause a person to swear an oath or make an affirmation.

(6) A person required to attend under *subsection (4)* may be examined and cross-examined at the oral hearing.

(7) The Forestry Appeals Committee may consider and determine an appeal notwithstanding the failure of a person to attend an oral hearing to give evidence or be examined in relation to the appeal.

(8) The chairperson or a deputy chairperson of the Forestry Appeals Committee may limit the time within which each party to an appeal may make submissions at an oral hearing.**]**

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F24** Inserted (6.10.2020) by *Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (15/2020), s. 4, S.I. No. 412 of 2020, subject to transitional provisions in s. 6(2)(a).

F25**[**General directive as to policy

**14D.**—(1) The Minister may, having regard to the matter specified in *subsection (2)*, issue a general directive as to policy (in this section referred to as a "directive") in relation to the ordering of appeals or requiring that appeals against a particular class of decision made by the Minister be heard and determined by the Forestry Appeals Committee in priority to appeals against other classes of decision, and the Committee shall, in performing its functions, have regard to such a directive.

(2) When making a directive under this section, the Minister shall have regard to the need to support economically and environmentally sustainable forest goods and services in the State.

(3) The Minister may amend or revoke a directive issued under *subsection (1)*.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed as enabling the Minister to exercise any power or control in relation to a particular appeal before the Forestry Appeals Committee.

(5) The Minister shall, as soon as practicable after issuing a directive under *subsection (1)*, or making an amendment or revocation under *subsection (3)*, cause a copy of the directive, amendment or revocation to be laid before each House of the Oireachtas and sent to the chairperson of the Forestry Appeals Committee.

(6) A directive issued under *subsection (1)* or an amendment or revocation made under *subsection (3)* shall, as soon as practicable after it is issued or made, be published in *Iris Oifigiúil*.**]**

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F25** Inserted (6.10.2020) by *Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (15/2020), s. 4, S.I. No. 412 of 2020, subject to transitional provisions in s. 6(2)(a).

F26**[**Regulations

**14E.**—(1) Without prejudice to the generality of *sections 7(2)* and *15*, for the purpose of the conduct of appeals, and having regard to the need for efficiency in the system of appeals, the Minister may make regulations to provide for all or any of the following:

(*a*) the procedures for, and conditions of and qualifications for, appointment of members of the Forestry Appeals Committee under *section 14A(1A)*;

(*b*) the term of office of the chairperson, a deputy chairperson and other members of the Forestry Appeals Committee;

(*c*) the constitution of divisions of the Forestry Appeals Committee and the assignment of appeals to those divisions;

(*d*) the form and manner of provision of a statement of grounds to be provided to the Forestry Appeals Committee under *subsections (4)* and *(5)* of *section 14B*;

(*e*) the form and manner of provision of documents and evidence to be provided to the Forestry Appeals Committee under *subsections (4)* and *(5)* of *section 14B*;

(*f*) time limits to apply to the making and conduct of appeals;

(*g*) the attendance of witnesses at an oral hearing under *section 14C* and the consequences of non-attendance;

(*h*) the form and manner of making of requests by the Forestry Appeals Committee for information from a party to an appeal, or a person other than a party;

(*i*) the provision by the Forestry Appeals Committee to a party to an appeal, or a person other than a party, of all information received by the Committee;

(*j*) procedures for the consolidation and hearing of two or more than two appeals together;

(*k*) procedures for the separation of appeals;

(*l*) the publication on a website maintained by or on behalf of the Forestry Appeals Committee of information and documents provided, for the purposes of an appeal, by a party to an appeal or by a person other than a party to an appeal;

(*m*) the form and manner in which an appeal may be withdrawn;

(*n*) any consequential, supplementary or transitional provisions as appear to the Minister to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of giving effect to the regulations.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of *subsection (1)*, the Minister may, with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, by regulations made under this section, provide for the payment of remuneration, allowances and expenses to the chairperson, a deputy chairperson and other members of the Forestry Appeals Committee.**]**

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F26** Inserted (6.10.2020) by *Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (15/2020), s. 4, S.I. No. 412 of 2020.

**Editorial Notes:**

**E30** Power pursuant to subss. (1)(f), (n) exercised (24.09.2023) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Section 14A) Regulations 2023* (S.I. No. 423 of 2023).

**E31** Power pursuant to section exercised (7.10.2020) by *Forestry Appeals Committee Regulations 2020* (S.I. No. 418 of 2020).

**E32** Power pursuant to subs. (1)(f) exercised (12.07.2021) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Section 14A) Regulations 2021* (S.I. No. 353 of 2021).

F27**[**Power to prescribe fees

**14F.**—(1) The Minister may, having consulted with the chairperson of the Forestry Appeals Committee, prescribe fees that may be charged for an appeal, and different fees may be prescribed for different appeals or classes of appeal.

(2) In prescribing under *subsection (1)*, the Minister may provide for the refund, in whole or in part, of fees in specified circumstances.**]**

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F27** Inserted (6.10.2020) by *Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (15/2020), s. 4, S.I. No. 412 of 2020.

**Editorial Notes:**

**E33** Power pursuant to section exercised (7.10.2020) by *Forestry Appeals Committee Regulations 2020* (S.I. No. 418 of 2020).

F28**[**Prohibition on unauthorised disclosure of confidential information

**14G.**— …**]**

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F28** Inserted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 12, not commenced as of date of revision.

**Modifications (not altering text):**

**C12** Prospective affecting provision: section inserted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 12, not commenced as of date of revision.

F28**[14G.**—(1) A person shall not disclose confidential information obtained in connection with acting as—

(*a*) chairperson, deputy chairperson or ordinary member of the Review Panel, or

(*b*) chairperson, deputy chairperson or other member of the Forestry Appeals Committee.

(2) *Subsection (1)* does not apply to the following:

(*a*) a disclosure authorised by the Director or Deputy Director made by a person referred to in *subsection (1)(a)*;

(*b*) a communication reasonably made in connection with the performance of a function under this Act;

(*c*) a disclosure made by a person to any member of An Garda Síochána of information that, in the person's opinion, may relate to the commission of an offence (under this Act or otherwise);

(*d*) a disclosure made in compliance with a requirement of this Act or otherwise required by law;

(*e*) a disclosure made by a person in the circumstances referred to in section 35(2) of the Ethics in Public Office Act 1995;

(*f*) a protected disclosure (within the meaning of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 ).

(3) A person who contravenes *subsection (1)* shall be guilty of an offence.

(4) A person who is guilty of an offence under *subsection (3)* is liable—

(*a*) on summary conviction, to a class A fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or to both, or

(*b*) on conviction on indictment, to a fine not exceeding €500,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years, or to both.

(5) Notwithstanding section 10(4) of the Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act 1851, summary proceedings for an offence under *subsection (3)* may be instituted at any time within three years from the date on which the offence was alleged to have been committed.

(6) In this section, "confidential information" includes—

(*a*) any information that would appear to a reasonable person to be of a confidential nature, and

(*b*) in the case of information obtained in connection with acting as a person referred to in *subsection (1)(a)*, any information designated as confidential (generally or specially) by the Director.**]**

**Editorial Notes:**

**E34** The section heading is taken from the amending section in the absence of one included in the amendment.

Regulations.

**15.**—(1) The Minister may make regulations for the purpose of enabling this Act to have full effect.

(2) The Minister may make regulations for prescribing any matter referred to in this Act as prescribed.

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F29** Inserted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 13, not commenced as of date of revision.

**Modifications (not altering text):**

**C13** Prospective affecting provision: subss. (3), (4) inserted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 13, not commenced as of date of revision.

F29**[**(3) Without prejudice to the generality of any other provision of this Act, the Minister may make regulations to provide for all or any of the following:

(*a*) the procedure and practice in relation to oral hearings under section 8, and any other hearing under this Act (including, in particular, provisions enabling the management of hearings whether as to number and conduct of witnesses or representatives or otherwise);

(*b*) the form and manner of provision of a statement of grounds for a request for a review to be conducted by the Review Panel;

(*c*) the form and manner of provision of documents and evidence to the Review Panel;

(*d*) the form and manner of making of requests by the Review Panel for information from a party or the appeals officer who made the decision which is the subject of a review by the Review Panel;

(*e*) procedures for reviews to be consolidated and heard together;

(*f*) procedures for the separation of reviews;

(*g*) procedures for the withdrawal of reviews;

(*h*) any other consequential or supplementary matters.

(4) The powers to make rules under *sections 14B* and *14C* are subject to regulations made under this section.**]**

**Editorial Notes:**

**E35** Power pursuant to section exercised (11.09.2023) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Section 14A) Regulations 2023* (S.I. No. 423 of 2023).

**E36** Power pursuant to section exercised (12.07.2021) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Section 14A) Regulations 2021* (S.I. No. 353 of 2021).

**E37** Power pursuant to section exercised (7.10.2020) by *Forestry Appeals Committee Regulations 2020* (S.I. No. 418 of 2020).

**E38** Power pursuant to section exercised (13.05.2002) by *Agriculture Appeals Regulations 2002* (S.I. No. 193 of 2002).

**E39** Previous affecting provision: power pursuant to section exercised (25.02.2018) by *Forestry Appeals Committee Regulations 2018* (S.I. No. 68 of 2018); revoked (7.10.2020) by *Forestry Appeals Committee Regulations 2020* (S.I. No. 418 of 2020), reg. 11.

Laying of regulations before Houses of Oireachtas.

**16.**—Every regulation made by the Minister under this Act shall be laid before each House of the Oireachtas as soon as may be after it is made and, if a resolution annulling the regulation is passed by either such House within the next 21 days on which that House has sat after the regulation is laid before it, the regulation shall be annulled accordingly but without prejudice to anything previously done thereunder.

Expenses of Minister.

**17.**—The expenses incurred by the Minister in the administration of this Act shall, to such extent as may be sanctioned by the Minister for Finance, be paid out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas.

Amendment of First Schedule to Ombudsman Act, 1980.

**18.**—Part I of the First Schedule to the Ombudsman Act, 1980, is amended by the substitution for "Department of Agriculture" of the following:

"Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development Appeals Officers under the *Agriculture Appeals Act, 2001*".

Short title.

**19.**—This Act may be cited as the Agriculture Appeals Act, 2001.

Section 5

F30[SCHEDULE 1

SCHEMES

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ACRES (Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme) Training Scheme

Afforestation Scheme 2023 – 2027

Afforestation Grant and Premium Scheme prior to 2023

Agri-Environment Options Scheme (AEOS)

Agri-Environment Training Scheme (AETS)

Animal Welfare, Recording and Breeding Scheme for Suckler Herds (AWRBS)

Areas of Natural Constraints (ANC)

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Basic Payment Scheme (BPS)

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BVD (Bovine Viral Diarrhoea) Financial Support Programme for Beef Breed Animals disclosed as BVD Positive, 2023 onwards

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Scheme of Grant-Aid for Improvements in Animal Welfare Standards (Sow Housing)

Scheme of Investment Aid for Farm Waste Management (FWM)

Scheme of Investment Aid for the Development of the Commercial Horticulture Sector (excluding decisions in relation to applications for approval for inclusion in the scheme – 1st stage)

Scheme of Investment Aid for the Improvement of Dairy Hygiene Standards (DHS)

Scheme of Investment Aid in Alternative Enterprises (Housing and Handling Facilities) (AES)

Scheme of Investment Aid for Demonstration On-Farm Waste Processing Facilities

Scheme of Investment Aid by Commercial Non-Primary Producers in the Mushroom Sector and for Peat Replacement by Commercial Mushroom Producers

Scheme of Investment Aid for Energy Efficiency, Automation and Processing by Commercial Mushroom Producers

Scheme of Investment Aid for the Seed Potato Sector and the Chipping Potato Sector

Scheme of Investment Aid for the Seed Potato Sector (2022)

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Soil Sampling and Analysis Programme

Straw Incorporation Measure (SIM)

Succession Planning Advice Grant

Suckler Carbon Efficiency Programme (SCEP)

Support for Collaborative Farming Grant Scheme

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(a) The Dairy Equipment Scheme

(b) The Poultry Welfare Scheme

(c) The Sheep Fencing/Mobile Handling Equipment Scheme

(d) The Sow Housing Welfare Scheme

(e) The Rainwater Harvesting Scheme, and

(f) The Farm Safety Scheme

Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Scheme II (TAMS II) (RDP 2014–2022)

(a) The Animal Welfare, Safety and Nutrient Storage Scheme

(b) The Dairy Equipment Scheme

(c) The Low-Emission Slurry Spreading (LESS) Equipment Scheme

(d) The Organic Capital Investment Scheme

(e) The Pig and Poultry Investment Scheme

(f) The Young Farmers Capital Investment Scheme, and

(g) Tillage Capital Investment Scheme

Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Scheme 3 (TAMS 3) (RDP 2023-2027)

(a) Animal Welfare and Nutrient Storage Scheme

(b) Dairy Equipment Scheme

(c) Low Emission Slurry Spreading Scheme

(d) Nutrient Importation Storage Scheme (NISS)

(e) Organic Capital Investment Scheme

(f) Solar Capital Investment Scheme

(g) Pig and Poultry Investment Scheme

(h) Young Farmers Capital Investment Scheme

(i) Tillage Capital Investment Scheme

(j) Farm Safety Capital Investment Scheme, and

(k) Women Farmers Capital Investment Scheme

The Scheme of EU aid for Producer Organisations in the Fruit and Vegetable Sector

Tillage Incentive Scheme

Traditional Farm Building Grant Scheme 2017 and 2018

Unharvested Crop Loss Support Scheme

Upland Sheep Payment Scheme

Veterinary Practice Capital Modernisation Scheme (VPCMS)

Weather Related Crop Loss Support Measure

Woodland Improvement Scheme 2023 - 2027

Woodland Improvement Scheme including Continuous Forestry Cover

Young Farmers Installation Scheme

Young Farmers Scheme.**]**

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F30** Substituted (27.11.2025) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Regulations 2025* (S.I. No. 567 of 2025), reg. 2.

**Editorial Notes:**

**E40** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (17.07.2025) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2024* (S.I. No. 342 of 2025), reg. 2; substituted (27.11.2025) as per F-note above.

**E41** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (17.07.2024) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2024* (S.I. No. 369 of 2024), reg. 2; substituted (17.07.2025) as per F-note above.

**E42** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (11.10.2023) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2023* (S.I. No. 521 of 2023), reg. 2; substituted (17.07.2024) as per E-note above.

**E43** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (22.12.2022) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) (No 2) Regulations 2022* (S.I. No. 743 of 2022), reg. 2; substituted (11.10.2023) as per E-note above.

**E44** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (28.07.2022) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2022* (S.I. No. 383 of 2022), reg. 2; substituted (22.12.2022) as per E-note above.

**E45** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (16.07.2021) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2021* (S.I. No. 368 of 2021), reg. 2; substituted (28.07.2022) as per E-note above.

**E46** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (23.09.2020) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2020* (S.I. No. 415 of 2020), reg. 2; substituted (16.07.2021) as per E-note above.

**E47** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (2.10.2019) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2019* (S.I. No. 556 of 2019), reg. 2; substituted (23.09.2020) as per E-note above.

**E48** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (11.05.2018) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2018* (S.I. No. 164 of 2018), reg. 2; substituted (2.10.2019) as per E-note above.

**E49** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (24.05.2017) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2017* (S.I. No. 219 of 2017), reg. 3; substituted (11.05.2018) as per E-note above.

**E50** Previous affecting provision: "Schedule" renumbered as "Schedule 1" (24.05.2017) by *Forestry Act 2014* (S.I. No. 31/2014), s. 35(a)(i), S.I. No. 189 of 2017; substituted (11.05.2018) as per E-note above.

**E51** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (20.12.2016) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2016* (S.I. No. 638 of 2016), reg. 2; substituted (24.05.2017) as per E-note above.

**E52** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (25.06.2015) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2015* (S.I. No. 276 of 2015), reg. 2; substituted (17.07.2024) as per E-note above.

**E53** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (14.01.2014) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2013* (S.I. No. 10 of 2014), reg. 2; substituted (25.06.2015) as per E-note above.

**E54** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (2.03.2011) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2011* (S.I. No. 106 of 2011), reg. 2, table; substituted (14.01.2014) as per E-note above.

**E55** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (29.05.2008) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2008* (S.I. No. 169 of 2008), reg. 2, table; substituted (2.03.2011) as per E-note above.

**E56** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (16.11.2006) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) (No 2) Regulations 2006* (S.I. No. 584 of 2006), reg. 2, table; substituted (29.05.2008) as per E-note above.

**E57** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (3.02.2006) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2006* (S.I. No. 65 of 2006), reg. 2, table; substituted (29.05.2008) as per E-note above.

**E58** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (3.08.2004) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2004* (S.I. No. 507 of 2004), reg. 2, table; substituted (3.02.2006) as per E-note above.

**E59** Previous affecting provision: schedule substituted (6.12.2002) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2002* (S.I. No. 558 of 2002), reg. 2, table; substituted ((3.08.2004) as per E-note above.

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F31**[**SCHEDULE 2

Section 7 of the Forestry Act excluding grants arising under the schemes mentioned in Schedule 1.

The Forestry Regulations 2017 (S.I. No. 191 of 2017) insofar as they relate to a licence for afforestation, felling of trees, forest road construction or aerial fertilisation of forests.**]**

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F31** Substituted (24.05.2017) by *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2017* (S.I. No. 219 of 2017), reg. 3.

**Editorial Notes:**

**E60** Previous affecting provision: schedule inserted (24.05.2017) by *Forestry Act 2014* (31/2014), s. 35(d), S.I. No. 189 of 2017; substituted (24.05.2017) as per F-note above.

## SCHEDULE 3

## AGRICULTURE APPEALS REVIEW PANEL

**Annotations**

**Amendments:**

**F32** Inserted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 14, not commenced as of date of revision.

**Modifications (not altering text):**

**C14** Prospective affecting provision: schedule inserted by *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024), s. 14, not commenced as of date of revision.

F32[Part 1

GOVERNANCE

**Composition**

1. The Review Panel shall consist of the following members—

(*a*) a chairperson,

(b) at least 5 ordinary members, and

(*c*) the Director, or the Deputy Director if designated by the Director.

**Appointment**

2. (1) The chairperson and ordinary members shall be appointed by the Minister.

(2) The Minister—

(*a*) shall appoint only persons who, in the Minister's opinion, have experience relevant to the functions of the Review Panel, and

(*b*) shall include, among the persons appointed under clause (a), at least 2 persons with practical knowledge or experience of farming.

(3) The Minister shall aim, subject to subparagraph (2)(a), to ensure an equitable balance between men and women in the composition of the Review Panel.

(4) The following persons shall not be eligible for appointment to the Review Panel:

(*a*) an officer of the Minister;

(*b*) a member of either House of the Oireachtas;

(*c*) a person entitled under the rules of procedure of the European Parliament to sit in that Parliament;

(*d*) a member of a local authority (within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2001).

**Deputy chairpersons**

3. The Minister may designate one or more ordinary members to perform the functions of a deputy chairperson of the Review Panel.

**Tenure**

4. The chairperson shall hold office for the period of 3 years beginning with the date of appointment.

5. An ordinary member shall hold office for the period of 3 years beginning with the date of appointment.

6. (1) The chairperson or an ordinary member whose term of office expires is eligible for reappointment.

(2) A person who is reappointed to the Review Panel in accordance with subparagraph (1) shall not hold office for periods the aggregate of which exceeds 6 years.

**Resignation**

7. (1) The chairperson or an ordinary member may resign from office by giving at least 30 days notice in writing to the Minister.

(2) The period referred to in subparagraph (1) begins with the date on which the Minister receives the notice.

(3) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), the chairperson or an ordinary member who becomes incapable of performing the functions of office, through ill-health or otherwise, may resign with immediate effect from the date on which the Minister receives the notice.

**Dismissal from office or cessation of term of office**

8. (1) The Minister may remove the chairperson or an ordinary member from office if the Minister is of the opinion that—

(*a*) the chairperson or member has become incapable, through ill health or otherwise, of effectively performing the functions of office,

(*b*) the chairperson or member has committed stated misbehaviour,

(*c*) it is necessary to remove the chairperson or member to enable the Review Panel to perform its functions effectively,

(*d*) the chairperson or member has a conflict of interest of such significance that he or she should cease to hold office, or

(*e*) the chairperson or member is otherwise unfit to hold the office or unable to discharge his or her functions.

(2) The chairperson or an ordinary member shall be disqualified from holding and shall cease to hold office as chairperson or ordinary member if he or she—

(*a*) subject to subparagraph (3), is adjudicated bankrupt,

(*b*) makes a composition or arrangement with creditors,

(*c*) is sentenced by a court of competent jurisdiction to a term of imprisonment,

(*d*) is convicted of any indictable offence in relation to a company, or any other body corporate, or is convicted outside the State of an offence consisting of acts or omissions which would constitute an offence triable on indictment if done or made in the State,

(*e*) is convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty, whether in connection with a company or not,

(*f*) has a declaration under section 819 of the Companies Act 2014 made against him or her or is deemed to be subject to such a declaration by virtue of Chapter 5 of Part 14 of that Act, or

(*g*) is subject or is deemed to be subject to a disqualification order, within the meaning of Chapter 4 of Part 14 of the Companies Act 2014, whether by virtue of that Chapter or any other provision of that Act, or a disqualification outside the State which corresponds to such a disqualification order.

(3) A person shall be disqualified from holding office as chairperson or ordinary member under subparagraph (2)(a) only for so long as he or she has not obtained a certificate of discharge from the bankruptcy.

(4) Where the Minister proposes to remove a person from office as chairperson or ordinary member under subparagraph (1), the Minister shall, by notice in writing, inform the person of his or her proposal.

(5) A notice under subparagraph (4) shall include a statement—

(*a*) of the reasons for the proposed removal,

(b) that the person concerned may make representations to the Minister, in such form and manner as may be specified by the Minister, as to why he or she should not be removed from office and such representations shall be made before the expiration of—

(i) a period of 30 working days from the date of the notification, or

(ii) such other longer period as the Minister may, having regard to the requirements of natural justice, specify in the notice,

and

(*c*) that where no representations are received within the period referred to in clause (b)(i) or (ii), as the case may be, the Minister may, without further notice to the person concerned, remove the person from office as chairperson or ordinary member.

(6) In considering whether to remove a person from office as chairperson or ordinary member under subparagraph (1), the Minister shall take into account—

(a) any representations made by the person concerned under clause (b) of subparagraph (5) within the period referred to in subclause (i) or (ii), as the case may be, of that clause, and

(b) any other matter the Minister considers relevant for the purpose of his or her decision.

(7) Where, having taken into account the matters referred to in subparagraph (6), the Minister decides not to remove the person from office as chairperson or ordinary member, the Minister shall cause notice to be given in writing to the person of the decision.

(8) Where, having taken into account the matters referred to in subparagraph (6), the Minister decides that the person should be removed from office as chairperson or ordinary member, the Minister shall, by notice in writing to the person, inform him or her of— (a) the decision and the reasons for that decision, and (b) the date on which the decision takes effect.

9. Where the chairperson or an ordinary member is—

(*a*) nominated as a member of Seanad Éireann,

(*b*) elected as a member of either House of the Oireachtas or to be a member of the European Parliament,

(*c*) regarded pursuant to Part XIII of the Second Schedule to the European Parliament Elections Act 1997 as having been elected to be a member of the European Parliament, or

(*d*) elected or co-opted as a member of a local authority (within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2001),

he or she shall thereupon cease to be the chairperson or ordinary member, as the case may be.

**Casual vacancies**

10. (1) This paragraph applies where the chairperson or an ordinary member dies, resigns, ceases to be qualified for office or is removed from office.

(2) The Minister may appoint a person to be the chairperson or an ordinary member to fill the vacancy in the same manner as the chairperson or member who occasioned the vacancy was appointed.

(3) Subject to paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 9, a person appointed under this paragraph shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the chairperson or member giving rise to the vacancy.

**Terms and conditions of office**

11. The chairperson and an ordinary member shall hold office upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Minister, with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform (subject to the provisions of this Act).

**Remuneration and Allowances**

12. The Minister may, with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform, pay to the chairperson and ordinary members such remuneration as the Minister may determine.

13. The Minister may, with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform, pay to the chairperson and ordinary members such allowances in respect of expenses (if any) incurred by them as the Minister may determine.

Part 2

PROCEEDINGS

**Meetings**

14. (1) The Review Panel shall hold any meetings necessary for the performance of its functions.

(2) Meetings may be held in person or remotely by electronic means (or partly in person and partly remotely).

(3) The chairperson shall fix the date, time and place (or method) of meetings of the Review Panel.

(4) The quorum for meetings of the Review Panel shall be—

(*a*) the chairperson or a deputy chairperson,

(*b*) at least one other ordinary member, and

(*c*) the Director or Deputy Director.

(5) If a meeting includes the chairperson and one or more than one deputy chairperson, any deputy chairperson who sits is to be treated as an ordinary member for the purposes of subparagraph (4)(b).

**Decisions**

15. (1) Decisions of the Review Panel shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present.

(2) In the case of an equal division of votes, the chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.

16. The Review Panel shall send written notice of each decision and the reasons for it to—

(*a*) the parties to the appeal,

(*b*) the Director, and

(*c*) the appeals officer who made the decision which was the subject of a review by the Review Panel.

**Divisions**

17. (1) The Review Panel may sit in divisions.

(2) A deputy chairperson may chair a division.

(3) A division of the Review Panel shall consist of—

(*a*) the chairperson or a deputy chairperson,

(*b*) at least one other ordinary member, and

(*c*) the Director or Deputy Director.

(4) If a division includes the chairperson and one or more than one deputy chairperson, any deputy chairperson who sits is to be treated as an ordinary member for the purposes of subparagraph (3)(b).

**Correspondence with parties**

18. The Review Panel may communicate with the parties in whatever manner it thinks appropriate.

19. The Review Panel may require—

(*a*) a party, and

(*b*) the appeals officer who made the decision which is the subject of the review,

to provide it with any information it thinks necessary.

**Independence**

20. The Review Panel shall be independent in the performance of its functions. Conflicts of interest

21. (1) In performing their functions, the chairperson and ordinary members shall take all reasonable steps to avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest whether in relation to a decision referred to the Review Panel or otherwise.

(2) Where the chairperson or ordinary member believes that performing any of his or her functions as the chairperson or ordinary member would—

(*a*) potentially create a conflict of interest, the chairperson or ordinary member shall recuse himself or herself from the functions or review in question and shall notify the Minister of the recusal, or

(*b*) give rise to the perception of any potential conflict of interest, the chairperson or ordinary member shall disclose that fact to the Minister in respect of the review with which the chairperson or ordinary member is dealing, and shall, having regard to any submissions received from the Minister, consider whether it is necessary to recuse himself or herself from the review in question.**]**

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# AGRICULTURE APPEALS ACT 2001

**REVISED**

**Updated to 27 November 2025**

## About this Revised Act

This Revised Act presents the text of the Act as it has been amended since enactment, and preserves the format in which it was passed.

## Related legislation

***Agriculture Appeals Acts 2001 to 2020***: this Act is one of a group of Acts included in this collective citation, to be construed together as one (*Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (15/2020), s. 7(2)(a). The Acts in this group are:

- *Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (15/2020), ss. 2, 3, 4
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001* (29/2001)

## Annotations

This Revised Act is annotated and includes textual and non-textual amendments, statutory instruments made pursuant to the Act and previous affecting provisions.

An explanation of how to read annotations is available at www.lawreform.ie/annotations.

## Material not updated in this revision

Where other legislation is amended by this Act, those amendments may have been superseded by other amendments in other legislation, or the amended legislation may have been repealed or revoked. This information is not represented in this revision but will be reflected in a revision of the amended legislation if one is available.

Where legislation or a fragment of legislation is referred to in annotations, changes to this legislation or fragment may not be reflected in this revision but will be reflected in a revision of the legislation referred to if one is available.

A list of legislative changes to any Act, and to statutory instruments from 1972, may be found linked from the page of the Act or statutory instrument at www.irishstatutebook.ie.

## Acts which affect or previously affected this revision

- *Agriculture Appeals (Amendment) Act 2024* (38/2024)
- *Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (15/2020)

- *Forestry Act 2014* (31/2014)
- *Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013* (15/2013)
- *Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012* (52/2012)
- *Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Act 2004* (33/2004)

All Acts up to and including *Electricity (Supply) (Amendment) Act 2025* (12/2025), enacted 20 November 2025, were considered in the preparation of this revision.

**Statutory instruments which affect or previously affected this revision**

- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Regulations 2025* (S.I. No. 567 of 2025)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2025* (S.I. No. 342 of 2025)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2024* (S.I. No. 369 of 2024)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Section 14A) Regulations 2023* (S.I. No. 423 of 2023)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2023* (S.I. No. 521 of 2023)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2022* (S.I. No. 383 of 2022)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Regulations 2022* (S.I. No. 743 of 2022)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Section 14A) Regulations 2021* (S.I. No. 353 of 2022)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2021* (S.I. No. 368 of 2021)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2020* (S.I. No. 415 of 2020)
- *Forestry Appeals Committee Regulations 2020* (S.I. No. 418 of 2020)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2018* (S.I. No. 164 of 2018)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2017* (S.I. No. 219 of 2017)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2016* (S.I. No. 638 of 2016)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2015* (S.I. No. 276 of 2015)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2013* (S.I. No. 10 of 2014)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2011* (S.I. No. 106 of 2011)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2008* (S.I. No. 169 of 2008)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2006* (S.I. No. 65 of 2006)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Regulations 2006* (S.I. No. 584 of 2006)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2004* (S.I. No. 507 of 2004)
- *Agriculture Appeals Regulations 2002* (S.I. No. 193 of 2004)
- *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2002* (S.I. No. 558 of 2002)

All statutory instruments up to and including *Agriculture Appeals Act 2001 (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Regulations 2025* (S.I. No. 567 of 2025), made 27 November 2025, were considered in the preparation of this revision.