

Rheynn Chymmyltaght, Bee as Eirinys

Agriculture and Fisheries Grant Scheme Agri-Environment Initiatives Grant

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Applicant must comply with all legal requirements for the operation of the business, including legislation that applies to all businesses such as Income Tax, National Insurance, VAT, Planning Regulations and Employment Legislation, as well as legal requirements that apply to particular improvements and business activities.
2. The applicant must ensure that all work will be carried out in accordance with the relevant Health & Safety legislation.
3. The Applicant must ensure that none of the items, which this Approval Document covers, will cause avoidable injury, disturbance or damage to any wildlife or flora and will take into account the conservation and amenity of the countryside.
4. The Applicant must provide the Department with such financial and other information relating to the business of the Applicant as may from time to time be reasonably required by the Department.
5. Any duly authorised officer, employee or agent of the Department shall be entitled, from time to time, to enter the business premises of the Applicant to inspect any asset and accounting or other records in respect of the financial assistance which has been paid under the terms of this document.
6. The Applicant shall repay to the Department a portion of the grant as the Department may at its discretion determine if:
 - the Applicant fails to comply with the terms and conditions specified in this document; or
 - the Applicant ceases to carry on the eligible agricultural business or substantially the whole of the eligible agricultural business described in the Application at any time before the expiry of 5 years from the date of this Approval Document.
7. If any person knowingly or recklessly makes a false statement, they shall be guilty of an offence and be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £5,000 [Agriculture & Fisheries (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1998 Ch. 7]. A false or misleading statement may also mean that approval may be revoked and any grant may be withheld or recovered with interest.
8. Claims for grant must be made using the official claim form, which must be received by the Department within **12 months** of the date of this Approval Document (known as the "Approval Period"). In the case of improvements applied for and approved on an Actual Cost basis, claims must be fully supported by paid invoices vouched by the supplier or contractor. Claims will not be accepted after the expiry of the Approval Period.
9. Payment of grant in respect of the proposal will be withheld unless the Department is satisfied that:-
 - no work was started before; an application was received by the Department
 - all necessary consents, permissions and wayleaves were obtained by the Applicant from all persons having an interest in the land on which any work was carried out and all necessary notice given before such work was started.
10. The amount of grant payable will be based on actual or approved costs, whichever is the lowest.

11. No grant will be payable in excess of those approved or in respect of works or improvements not included in this document.
12. The Applicant shall immediately inform the Department of any event which may result in liability to repay the grant or some part thereof.
- 13. To obtain a claim form, please contact the Department by email on agriculture@gov.im or call us on 685844 with the reference number for your approved improvement.**

If you decide not to go-ahead with the work, please inform DEFA Agriculture.