STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2020 No. 81

AGRICULTURE

The Direct Payments to Farmers Single Application Amendment Date (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

Made - - - -	*15th May 2020*
Coming into operation	*31st May 2020*

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 78(b) of Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy(**1**) makes these Regulations.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Direct Payments to Farmers Single Application Amendment Date (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 and come into operation on the 31stMay 2020.

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

(3) In these Regulations, "claim year 2020" is to be interpreted in accordance with section 1(7) of the Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Act 2020(**3**).

Amendment of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 809/2014

2. For the purposes of claim year 2020, the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 809/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the integrated

(**1**) Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013 (O.J. No. L347, 20.12.2013, p. 549), in so far as relating to the direct payment schemes for claim year 2020, was incorporated into domestic law by the Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Act 2020 (c. 2). Article 78 was amended by regulation 7(16)(a) of S.I. 2020/90 so that it is exercisable by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (see Article 115D of Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013 as substituted by S.I. 2020/90). There are other amendments to Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013 but they are not relevant to these Regulations.

(**2**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.).

(**3**) 2020 c. 2.