STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# 2020 No. 75

# AGRICULTURE

## The Direct Payments to Farmers (Crop Diversification Derogation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

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| *Made - - - -* | *30th April 2020* |
| *Laid before the Assembly* | *1st May 2020* |
| *Coming into operation* | *30th April 2020* |

*Approved by resolution of the Assembly on 19th May 2020*

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 69(1) of Regulation (EU) 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy(**1**)("Regulation (EU) 1307/2013") makes these Regulations.

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs is of the opinion that, in order to resolve problems arising from severe rainfall in Northern Ireland, it is necessary and justifiable in Northern Ireland to derogate from the provisions of Regulation (EU) 1307/2013 for claim year 2020 as regards the crop diversification requirements, the extent and period of that derogation being, in the opinion of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, strictly necessary.

## PART 1

## INTRODUCTORY

### Citation, Commencement and Interpretation

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Direct Payments to Farmers (Crop Diversification Derogation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 and come into operation on 30th April 2020.

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

(**1**) Regulation (EU) 1307/2013 was incorporated into domestic law by the Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Act 2020 (c. 2). Article 69(1) was substituted by regulation 7(2)(a) of S.I. 2020/91.

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