

Circular 2 /2013

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To: (i) FAS Planners and (ii) AEOS 2010 and AEOS 2011 Scheme Participants with ' Green Cover Establishment from a Sown crop' action in their contracts

**Amendment of 'Specifications for Agri-Environment Options Scheme and Natura 2000 Scheme'  
dated 30 March 2010 and 6 April 2011**

**Green Cover Establishment from a sown crop**

The Specifications for AEOS 1 and AEOS 2 for the management of **Green Cover Establishment from a sown crop** under the heading in AEOS 1 '**What you must do**' and the heading '**Requirements**' in AEOS 2 reads respectively as follows:

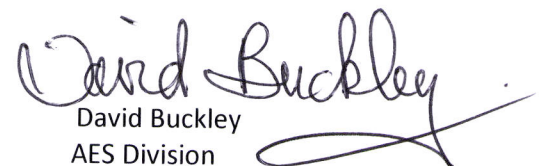
'Soon after harvesting a crop and not later than 1 October, you must establish a Green Cover on the full LPIS plot by light cultivation (shallow grubbing and rolling — ploughing is not allowed) and sowing a specified seed mix. You must do this on the same LPIS plot or plots every year of your contract. Under sowing or grass crops are not allowed.'

'As soon as possible after harvesting a crop and not later than 1 October, you must establish a green cover crop annually on the same full LPIS parcel by light cultivation (shallow grubbing and rolling — ploughing is not allowed) and sowing a specified seed mix'

The above AEOS1 and AEOS2 text is removed and replaced with the following

*'As soon as possible after harvesting a crop and no later than 1 October, you must establish a green cover crop on the full LPIS parcel by light cultivation (shallow grubbing and rolling — ploughing is not allowed) and sowing a specified seed mix. You can rotate this on to different LPIS plots each year of your contract. Where green cover is rotated the area sown each year must be at least equal in size to the area established in the first year and must be notified to DAFM on the attached declaration form GC1 (only full LPIS parcels are eligible). Under sowing or grass crops are not allowed. Notification of rotation must be notified to the Department, in advance, and at the latest by 31<sup>st</sup> July in the year in question.'*

  
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