



Circular 1/2013

1 July, 2013

To: Selected AEOS 2011 Scheme Participants and FAS Planners.

**Amendment to AEOS2 Scheme Terms and Conditions and Circular 3/2012 - AEOS 2 – Soil Analysis**

**This Circular applies to farmers who have received letters of approval for participation in the AEOS 2011 Scheme and have not complied with Paragraph 8.4 of the AEOS2 Scheme Terms and Conditions.**

Paragraph 8.4 of the AEOS 2 Scheme Terms and Conditions is further amended to extend the period in which soil analysis of lands can be undertaken.

Accordingly paragraph 8.4 of the AEOS 2 Scheme Terms and Conditions is amended as follows:

*'Undertake to have soil analysis of **all lands** declared on SPS in 2013 carried out in accordance with Schedule 1 of SI 610 of 2010 (Nitrates Regulations) before **31<sup>st</sup> March 2014** provided the land is being farmed at the time the analysis is carried out, once he/she has been approved into the Scheme. Evidence of having soils analysed on or after 1 January 2010 will fulfil this requirement. Any Commonage land farmed shall be excluded from this requirement.*

*Full LPIS parcels of privately owned mountain type land and rough grazing will also be exempted from the requirement to have soils analysed provided that*

- *A declaration is submitted in writing that the exempted land will receive no applications of organic or chemical fertilisers for the duration of the AEOS 2 contract.*
- *The declaration shall be co-signed by a Farm Advisory System (FAS) registered planner*
- *All exempted land will be assumed to be at phosphorus Index 4 for cross compliance purposes.*

*For the purposes of AEOS 2 rough grazing is defined as land that cannot receive chemical or organic fertiliser by mechanical means.'*

A full list of FAS planners is available on the Department's website at the following link:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/farmerschemespayments/crosscompliance/farmadvisorysystem/>


Any farmer availing of the provisions of this Circular and found to be in breach of the declaration submitted shall be excluded from the Scheme and payments already made shall be recouped.

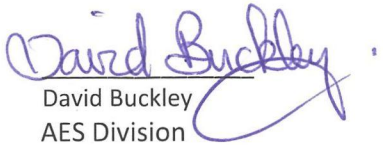
Declaration Form (SS) is attached and must be used by farmers to (a) declare that they have carried out sampling on eligible land and (b) to avail of the exemption on privately owned mountain type land and rough grazing, if applicable. No declaration is needed for Commonage land.

No payment for the 2012 Scheme year or subsequent years will issue to a farmer until the soil analysis has been carried out and the Declaration form returned to this Department (except for farmers whose entire holding is

Commonage). Forms must be submitted to AEOS Section, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Johnstown Castle, Co. Wexford.

Failure to take the required soil analysis and return the Declaration form to the Department may lead to termination of AEOS contract and clawback of any monies received.

  
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