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Ein cyf/Our ref: ATISN 11210

Dyddiad/Date: 18 April 2017

Dear ,

ATISN 11210 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request received via RPW Online on 20 March 2017. You asked for information about Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition in Wales and in particular:

- i) whether farmers in your jurisdiction have been subject to sanctions other than the sanctions or penalties provided for in the basic EU Regulations and in particular whether farmers have been subject to criminal sanctions or fraud prosecutions under national law?*
- ii) to what extent have the maximum penalties under the basic EU Regulation been applied? Would it be possible to have a breakdown of the application of sanctions and penalties?*

Our responses apply to the schemes in Wales.

- i. Where a legislative standard is also a Cross-Compliance verifiable standard, and if the non compliance identified warrants it, we, or other enforcement bodies, will prosecute the offender under domestic legislation as well as applying the appropriate Cross-Compliance penalty
- ii. Please see below for the breakdown of the application of sanctions and penalties for 2015.



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Claimants found with non-compliance(s) due to negligence in one area of cross-compliance	Sanctioned with a 1% reduction	141
	Sanctioned with a 3% reduction	153
	Sanctioned with a 5% reduction	93
Claimants found with non-compliance(s) due to negligence in more than one area of cross-compliance (	Sanctioned with a reduction between 1 and 5%	7
Claimants found with at least one intentional non-compliance	Sanctioned with a reduction of at least 15%	20
Claimants found with re-occured due to failure to take remedial action on an early warning	Sanctioned with a reduction of at least 3%	0
Claimants found with repeated non-compliance(s) due to negligence	Sanctioned with a reduction between 3 and 15%	13
Claimants sanctioned under cross-compliance in 2015		427

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

or Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,