

From: ESNR - ERA - Rural Payments Wales
Sent: 28 November 2017 16:01
To:
Subject: RE: ATISN 11679

Dear ,

Thank you for your request I received on 31/10/2017. You asked for:

1, Details of the number of farmers in Wales in 2015 and 2016 who had payments reduced because of non-compliances found during inspections in relation to ALL Cross Compliance Statutory Management Requirements (SMEs), eg SMR 1 - 13, and Good Agricultural and Environmental Conditions (GAECs)

2, For the above cases, the SME or GAEC involved, the description of the breaches (as outlined in the verifiable standards criteria), the severity of breach (e.g very low, low, medium or high), the extent of the breach (e.g. on or off farm effect) , and the permanence of the breach (e.g permanent or rectifiable), that led to the payment reductions

For these cases, please supply the description of breaches as detailed in the verifiable standards

The information you have requested is enclosed in the attached spreadsheet. Please note that where no breaches have been found in the years concerned the SMR/GAEC standard is not included on the attachment. If you have any queries about the data table please do not hesitate to contact me.

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 letter.

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.

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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