

Glastir Efficiency Grants Verifiable Standards

Verifiable standards and guidelines for classification of failures of
Glastir in Wales

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Requirement – Manure/Slurry Efficiency Theme

All eligible items must only be used for the approved Agricultural purpose for which they were intended, on the Beneficiary’s holding. The benefit of the grant assisted investment must be for on farm agricultural business only – domestic or diversification proposals cannot be supported.

All manure and slurry stores must comply with British Standards 5502 class 2 for buildings and structures.

A 5 month on-farm storage requirement for new, modified or extensions to slurry storage must be maintained for the duration of the AWE Glastir contract (5 years). The storage period will be from the 1 October to 1 March, applicable to cattle and pig slurry only. There are no requirements to have a roof/cover over a grant aided storage facility.

A 3 month closed spreading period between 15 October and 15 January (in areas of shallow or sandy soil, however the closed period will be 1 September to 31 December) will apply to applications for new, extended or modified slurry stores and poultry manure stores. The maximum amount of slurry/poultry manure applied from the end of the closed period to the end of February shall be limited to 50m³/ha slurry and 8 tonnes/ha poultry manure at any one time. There must be at least 3 weeks between each spreading.

Applicants applying for manure/slurry efficiency are required to adhere to an upper limit in any one area (the field limit) of 250kg/ha/year total N from spread organic material.

Description of Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that the project has not been completed to the required standards.	No verifiable standard - No verifiable standard - penalty calculated on the basis of what was found to be ineligible (see contract).		
Evidence that items have not been used for sole Agricultural purposes for the farm business and retained on the holding.	Low - Duplicate use on farm and contracting. High - Predominantly used for contracting (review eligibility of project)	Extent 4	Permanent
Evidence the 5 month on-farm storage requirement has not been adhered to. There will be an administration check to establish if the claim/invoices are smaller than approved claim costs. Inspection check on the ground to see if the 5 month requirement has been adhered to. Check will include looking at the size of store.	Low - More than 4 month’s storage but less than 5 months. High - Less than 4 months (consider if the overall claim is invalid if it does not meet the SAFFO Regulation).	Extent 4	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Evidence that spreading has taken place during the closed period.	<p>Breach occurred within</p> <p>Low - Up to 2 weeks from start or end of closed period.</p> <p>Medium - Between 2-4 weeks from start or end of closed period.</p> <p>High - Over 4 weeks from start and end of closed period.</p>	<p>Extent 1</p> <p>Extent 2</p> <p>Extent 3</p> <p>Extent 4</p>	Permanent
Evidence that less than 3 weeks has been left between spreading.	<p>Low - One occurrence</p> <p>Medium - More than one occurrence</p>	Measurable	Permanent
<p>Evidence the manure field limit has been exceeded.</p> <p>The consultants report will have information on the amount of manure produce. The “Manure Management Plan” will have the limits of manure that can be applied to each field parcel.</p>	<p>Low - Up to 20% in excess of the field limit.</p> <p>Medium - More than 20% but less than 50% in excess of the field limit.</p> <p>High - More than 50% in excess of the field limit.</p>	Measurable	Permanent
<p>Evidence that all eligible items have not be used for the approved agricultural purpose for which they were intended, on the Beneficiary’s holding.</p> <p>This includes being used for domestic or diversification purposes.</p>	High	Extent 4	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>

Requirement – Energy Efficiency Theme

All eligible items must only be used for the approved Agricultural purpose for which they were intended, on the Beneficiary's holding. The benefit of the grant assisted investment must be for on farm agricultural business only – domestic or diversification proposals cannot be supported.

Installations must comply with the regulatory standards and statutory requirements including the Food Hygiene (Wales) Regulations 2006 as amended (incorporating Dairy Hygiene Regulations).

Description of Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that the project has not been completed to the required standards.	No verifiable standard - No verifiable standard - penalty calculated on the basis of what was found to be ineligible (see contract).		
Evidence that all eligible items have not be used for the approved agricultural purpose for which they were intended, on the Beneficiary's holding. This includes being used for domestic or diversification purposes.	High	Extent 4	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Requirement – Water Efficiency Theme

All eligible items must only be used for the approved Agricultural purpose for which they were intended, on the Beneficiary's holding. The benefit of the grant assisted investment must be for on farm agricultural business only – domestic or diversification proposals cannot be supported.

All work relating to water based capital equipment must be undertaken by a Water Industry Approved Plumber (WIAPS)

Installations must comply with the regulatory standards and statutory requirements including the Food Hygiene (Wales) Regulations 2006 as amended (incorporating Dairy Hygiene Regulations).

Description of Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that the project has not been completed to the required standards.	No verifiable standard required - No verifiable standard - penalty calculated on the basis of what was found to be ineligible (see contract).		

<p>Evidence that all eligible items have not be used for the approved agricultural purpose for which they were intended, on the Beneficiary's holding.</p> <p>This includes being used for domestic or diversification purposes.</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Extent 4</p>	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
<p>Requirement – Miscellaneous</p>			
<p>Where an operation under a rural development programme results in an investment (for example, a farm or food enterprise) where the total cost exceeds €50,000, the beneficiary must place an explanatory plaque.</p>			
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<p>Evidence that a plaque has not been erected where the project exceeds €50,000.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Extent 1</p>	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>