

Entry Level Stewardship

Environmental Stewardship Handbook

Fourth Edition

Official list of changes - July 2013

1. How to use this document

This document is the official addendum to the Entry Level Stewardship, Environmental Stewardship Handbook (Fourth Edition).

The changes to the handbook may take the following forms:

- **Corrections** put right mistakes in the handbook. These may be typographic errors or may relate to the content.
- **Replacement text** replaces particular sentences or paragraphs.
- **Additional text** is new text added to the handbook.
- **Deleted text** is text that has been removed and not replaced.
- * **June 2013 changes** – these will be highlighted for ease of reference.
- ** **July 2013 changes** – these will be highlighted for ease of reference.

For ease of reference all changes are listed in the same order as in the handbook.

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3. Changes to Section 2 – Environmental objectives

Page(s) & paragraph	Subject / heading	Change
** Page 15	2.1 Managing arable habitats for farmland birds	<p>Deletion and Replacement text above 2nd table of options:</p> <p>Overwinter seed food: Seed food during winter and early spring can be supplied by a wild bird seed mixture or weedy overwintered stubbles or ryegrass seed-set. Stubbles should not receive a pre-harvest desiccant or postharvest herbicide.</p> <p><i>Include either 2 ha of wild bird seed mixture, 5-10 ha of weedy overwintered stubble/ryegrass seed-set, or a combination of the two (eg 1 ha of wild bird seed mix and 2.5 ha of stubble).</i></p> <p>Note: EF23 can only be selected when an agreement contains either EF2 (minimum 2 ha per 100 ha) or EF22 (minimum 5 ha per 100 ha). A minimum of 1 tonne supplementary feed mixture should be used per 1 ha wild bird seed mix or 5 ha stubbles in the agreement.</p> <p>To be replaced with:</p> <p>Note: EF23 Supplementary feeding in winter for farmland birds can only be selected when an agreement contains either EF2 Wild bird seed mixture (minimum 2 ha per 100 ha) or EF22 Extended overwintered stubble (minimum 5 ha per 100 ha). The maximum amount of this option that can be entered into the agreement is 0.5 tonnes per hectare of EF2 and/or 0.2 tonnes per hectare of EF22.</p>

4. Changes to Section 3 - Option directory for ELS and Uplands ELS

ELS Page & paragraph	Subject / heading / Option	Change
Page 41	EA1	Replacement text: Under ' Compulsory requirements for SDA land in Uplands ELS ' – replace 2nd para with text below.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fenced and ungrazed woodland in the SDA above the moorland line is not eligible for UX3. ■ Fenced and ungrazed woodland in the SDA below the moorland line is eligible for UX2. ■ Where an appropriate HLS woodland/scrub option is in place, the HLS prescriptions over-ride the UX3 minimum stocking requirements. ■ Where EWGS is in place, the EWGS requirements over-ride the UX3 minimum stocking requirements.
Page 54	EC1 EC2	Deleted text: Delete words ' EC1 and ' from final sentence above picture of 'Fallen dead wood' so that it reads as below.
		The exception to this is EK5, which can be co-located (overlapped) with EC2.
Page 85	EJ5	Additional text: Insert text highlighted below in front of last sentence.
		This option aims to reduce the movement of sediment, nutrients and pesticides by wind and water erosion, both within fields and from field-to-field, through the careful location of permanent grass areas. It is only available on arable land. It can also contribute to flood management by reducing surface run-off.
Page 109	UD12	Correction: The 2nd sentence of 6th bullet point under heading 'Ineligible buildings include:' should be a separate paragraph as below.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TFBs that will not be in your ownership or control for the life of your agreement. <p>TFBs that meet the above conditions, but which are currently unused or empty, are also eligible. It is not a requirement for buildings to be on land registered on the RLR, but you must record them on the FER (see Section 5.4.1).</p>

5. Changes to Section 4 - How to apply for ELS and Uplands ELS

Page(s) & paragraph	Subject / heading	Change
Page 128 Para 4.3.3	How to fill in your application form and mark your maps	Replacement text: In second bullet replace 'the Terms and conditions section' with Section 5 as highlighted below
<p>■ Annex 2 – Field Data Sheet. It is your responsibility to ensure that all the land listed at Annex 2 (the Field Data Sheet) and identified on your maps is fully eligible for the scheme, by carefully studying the rules on eligibility in Section 5 of this handbook.</p>		

6. Changes to Section 5 – Terms and Conditions

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** Page 144 5.3.2	What if you are a tenant?	<p>Additional text highlighted</p> <p>A tenant's loss of management control of some or all the land under agreement because of the changing circumstances of their landlord is not a permitted category under force majeure, and will generally require the recovery of all payments on the affected land (see Section 5.7) save for in exceptional circumstances. Depending on the individual conditions, those exceptional circumstances could include situations where tenants holding land under the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 lose occupation following the service by the landlord of an incontestable Case B notice to quit for change of use of the land concerned and where such a notice was not expected at the time of entering into the agreement. If your ability to comply with scheme requirements will be partly dependent on a third party (eg a landlord) it is your responsibility to put arrangements in place to safeguard your position should the circumstances of the third party change.</p>

7. Changes to Section 6 – Appendices

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* Page 166	North East office	Replacement text: PO Box 1316
** Page 172 & 173	List of recognised hardy native breeds of sheep	<p>Deletion and Replacement text:</p> <p>Delete the current list of recognised hardy native breeds of sheep on pages 172 & 173 and replace with</p> <p>List of recognised hardy native breeds of sheep</p> <p>Beulah Speckled Face Black Welsh Mountain Brecknock Hill Boreray Castlemilk Moorit Cheviot Dalesbred Dartmoor Derbyshire Gritstone Exmoor Horn Hebridean Herdwick Hill Radnor Icelandic Lonk Manx Loghtan North Country Cheviot North Ronaldsay Rough Fell Scottish Blackface Shetland Soay South Wales Mountain Swaledale Welsh Hill Speckled Welsh Mountain Whitefaced Woodland</p>



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