

Measuring and reducing administrative burdens in EU agriculture

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Background

- UK Admin Burden Measurement Exercise
- Political landscape in UK & EU
- Defra target for domestic simplification
- Farm Regulation and Charging Strategy

Defra top 10 most burdensome regulations

Regulation Name
Common Agricultural Policy Single Payment and Support Schemes Regulations 2005
Cattle Identification Regulations 1998
Sheep and Goats Identification and Movement (Interim Measures) (England) (No.2) Order 2002
Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2000.
Animal By-Products Regulations 2003
Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) Order 2003
Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (Amendment) Regulations 1997
Action Programme for Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (England and Wales) Regulations 1998
Cattle Database Regulations 1998
Control of Pesticides Regulations 1986

EU study – admin burdens on farmers across EU

- To compare results of similar measurement exercises in other member states:
 - Common findings (burdensome areas of legislation)
 - Regional variations across EU
 - Lessons learned – interpolation of results across EU
 - Lessons learned – methodological approaches used
 - What success has there been in reducing burdens?
- What work has been done outside of EU?

Work so far

- Qualitative information gathering
 - Finland
 - The Netherlands
 - Denmark
 - France
 - Germany
- Quantitative data: benchmarking meeting with The Netherlands, Denmark and Sweden

Preliminary results: data analysis

- Problems with data analysis
- Relative ranking of administrative burdens – initial findings:
 - CAP Single Payment Scheme
 - Livestock Movement and Identification
 - Nitrates regulations
 - Animal welfare regulations
 - Veterinary Medicines
 - Pesticides
 - Pollution Prevention and Control
 - Rural Development Program
 - Plant Health

Preliminary results: qualitative analysis

- “Perceived burdens”
 - administrative burdens do not tell the whole story
 - need to focus on farmers’ perception of burdens in order to target simplification activity to benefit stakeholders
- but there is overlap in the findings
 - Cross Compliance
 - Livestock Movement & Identification
 - Veterinary Medicines
 - Pesticides

Next steps

Continued information gathering and analysis

- any suggestions, or information on similar projects in other areas of EU – contact:

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Field-testing data

- to test validity of results on stakeholders across Europe

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