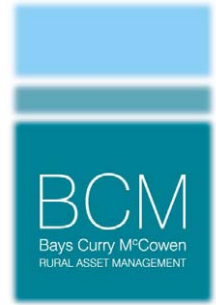


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EU Proposed Changes to Ten Month Rule for Single Payment Scheme

The EU have recently put forward a council regulation, which will mean that the current requirement to have land 'at your disposal' for a ten month period during the year to be eligible for the single payment scheme, will be significantly altered. Under the new proposal the only requirement to be able to claim land for single farm payment would be that the land is at the applicant's disposal on 15 June in the year of the submission of the aid application. The proposal is that this change should take effect from the 2008 scheme.

Andrew Bays, of Bays Curry McCowen (BCM), comments "This proposal has been drawn up in order to simplify the system where land changes hands under the single payment scheme. This is to be applauded, although applicants should be aware there may be a fairly complicated situation during 2008 if land is changing hands then. This is because of the carry over and possible effect of the previous year's scheme rules, and the current year's scheme rules".

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