EUROPEAN UNION (GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICE FOR PROTECTION OF WATERS) (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) REGULATIONS 2020

PART 1 PRELIMINARY

**Citation, commencement and application**

These Regulations may be cited as the European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2020.

**Interpretation**

In these Regulations:


**Amendments to the 2017 Regulations**

1. Under Article 4 (Interpretation), the following definitions are inserted:

   “Local authority shared service” means common or combined services provided to more than one local authority, the provision of which (to the local authorities concerned) enables, assists or facilitates the carrying out of any administrative task or process necessary for or incidental to the performance of a function assigned under these regulations to local authorities.

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\(^1\) O.J. No. L 375/1, 31 December 1991.  
“Teagasc” means the Agriculture and Food Development Authority established in September 1988 under the Agriculture (Research, Training and Advice) Act, 1988.

2. Sub-article 27(5) is substituted by the following:

(5) The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine shall make available, upon written request, information in relation to any holding or holdings, as the case may be, where such transfer of data is necessary for the purposes of carrying out any functions set out in these regulations, including for the purpose of promoting compliance with these Regulations. Such information may be requested by the following:

(a) the Minister,

(b) an individual local authority,

(c) a representative local authority under a local authority shared service established for the purpose of carrying out functions set out in these regulations including for the purpose of promoting compliance with these Regulations,

(d) Teagasc for the purpose of promoting compliance with these Regulations,

(e) the Environmental Protection Agency

3. The following sub-article is inserted after sub-article 27(5):

(6) The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine shall ensure compliance with the Data Sharing and Governance Act, No. 5 of 2019 in making available any information under sub-article (5) above.

GIVEN under my Official Seal of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government,

EOGHAN MURPHY,
Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government.
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)

These Regulations amend the European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2017. The purpose of the amendment is to specify the authorities to whom the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine shall make available information in relation to any holding where such transfer of data is necessary for the purposes of carrying out any functions set out in these regulations, including for promoting compliance with these Regulations. Furthermore, the amendment brings the regulations in line with the Data Sharing and Governance Act, 2019.