

Verifiable standards for breaches from 2015 onwards of:

Farm Woodland Scheme (FWS)

Farm Woodland Premium Scheme (FWPS)

Improved Land Premium (ILP)

Glastir Woodland Creation Premium (GWCP)

Glastir Woodland (Creation) Maintenance (GCM)

Glastir Woodland (Creation) Premium (GCP)

Verifiable standards and guidelines for classification of failures of named woodland schemes

Version 1.0 2015 (combined)



Verifiable standards breaches from 2015 onwards for:

- Farm Woodland Scheme paid by RPW following establishment cost paid under Woodland Grant Scheme 3 by Forestry Commission (now Natural Resources Wales (NRW))
- Farm Woodland Premium Scheme paid by RPW following establishment cost paid under Woodland Grant Scheme 3 by Forestry Commission (now Natural Resources Wales (NRW))
- Improved Land Premium (ILP) paid by RPW following establishment costs paid under Better Woodland for Wales (BWW) by Forestry Commission (now Natural Resources Wales (NRW))
- Glastir Woodland Creation Premium (GWCP) paid by RPW following establishment cost paid under Glastir Woodland Creation by NRW
- Glastir Woodland Creation Maintenance (GCM) paid by RPW following establishment cost paid under Glastir Woodland Creation by RPW from 2015

Agricultural Activity			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farm Woodland Scheme• Farm Woodland Premium Scheme• Woodland Grant Scheme 3• Improved Land Premium (ILP) paid by RPW consequential to establishment costs paid under BWW by Forestry Commission (now (NRW))• Glastir Woodland Creation Premium (GWCP) paid by RPW following establishment cost paid under Glastir Woodland Creation by NRW• Glastir Woodland Creation Maintenance (GCM) paid by RPW following establishment cost paid under Glastir Woodland Creation by RPW from 2015			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence of livestock within agreement area.	High	Measurable*	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of cropping within agreement area.	High	Measurable*	Rectifiable 2 Permanent

*To obtain the extent level divide the entire area of the breached parcel by the total area of land covered by the Scheme and then multiply by 100

Requirement to notify sale/ transfer of land.			
Description of Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Not notifying the Welsh Government of sale or transfer of land under agreement within 30 days	Low: Notification received, but not within 30 days	1	Rectifiable 1
	Medium: No notification received.		

Retention of land under commitment	
Breach	Recovery action
Area taken out of agreement results in area remaining being less than the minimum required area to be eligible for the Scheme.	Recover all payments made and terminate agreement. For agreements continuing beyond a review date, only recover back to the date of review.

Artificially creating the conditions required to obtain the payments	
Breach	Recovery action
Evidence that conditions have been artificially created to obtain the payments.	Do not pay for the scheme in the year that the claim was made.