## Improved Land Premium Verifiable Standards

Verifiable standards and guidelines for classification of failures of **Improved Land Premium** in Wales

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## **Agricultural Activity**

Improved Land Premium is intended to compensate for the loss of income when improved or agricultural land has been planted with trees to form a new woodland. Any evidence of livestock or cropping breaches the scheme rules.

Note: Any damage to trees by livestock would be reported to FC and actioned under the BWW scheme rules.

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

<sup>\*</sup>To obtain the extent level divide the entire area of the breached parcel by the total area of land covered by the ILP Scheme and then multiply by 100

Requirement to notify sale/ transfer of land.				
Description of Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence	
Commitment requires sales and transfers to be notified within 21 days	Low: Notification received, but not within 21 days	1	Rectifiable 1	
	Medium: No notification received.	1	Rectifiable 1	

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 scheme is 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	Do not pay for the scheme in the year that the claim was made.		
payments.			