

# **Rural Transition Woodland Schemes Verifiable Standards**

Verifiable standards and guidelines for classification of failures of:

**Woodland Creation Grant (WCG)**  
**Small Grants – Woodland Creation**  
**Woodland Creation Maintenance (WCM)**  
**Woodland Creation Premium (WCP)**

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**Verifiable standards breaches for:**

- Woodland Creation Grant (WCG)
- Small Grants – Woodland Creation
- Woodland Creation Maintenance (WCM) paid following establishment cost paid under WCG or Small Grants – Woodland Creation.
- Woodland Creation Premium (WCP) paid following establishment cost paid under WCG or Small Grants – Woodland Creation.

<b>Maintenance of Contract Area</b>			
<b>Description of Breach</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Permanence</b>
Evidence the contract area has not been maintained	Low – no maintenance but no impact on tree establishment	Measurable*	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
	High – no maintenance but impact on tree establishment		

<b>Agricultural Activity</b>			
<b>Description of Breach</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Permanence</b>
Evidence of livestock within agreement area.	High	Measurable*	Rectifiable 1 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

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