



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

## SFS Sanction Matrix

Scheme requirements not met	% PENALTY						
	SEVERITY	EXTENT	PERMANENCE	1 <sup>st</sup> Occurrence	1 <sup>st</sup> Repetition	2 <sup>nd</sup> Repetition	3 <sup>rd</sup> Repetition (plus)
Low	1	Rectifiable	Advisory Letter	Advisory Letter	3	6	
		Permanent	Advisory Letter	3	6	12	
	2	Rectifiable	Advisory Letter	Advisory Letter	8	16	
		Permanent	Advisory Letter	5	10	20	
Medium	1	Rectifiable	1	2	4	8	
		Permanent	4	8	16	32	
	2	Rectifiable	3	6	12	24	
		Permanent	6	12	24	48	
High	1	Rectifiable	8	16	48	100	
		Permanent	12	24	72	100	
	2	Rectifiable	10	20	60	100	
		Permanent	16	32	96	100	

CRITERIA - DEFINITION	LEVEL	RANGE
<p><b>SEVERITY:</b> 1) Verifiable Standard definition OR 2) The percentage proportion of a breached area in relation to all the area of the same type (e.g. Universal Habitat OR Woodland areas) or same prescription (e.g. SFS Optional).  This percentage is matched to the relevant SEVERITY level on the Sanction Matrix</p>	<b>LOW</b>	Verifiable Standard OR 0% to 10%, where measurable.
	<b>MEDIUM</b>	Verifiable Standard OR >10% to 50%, where measurable.
	<b>HIGH</b>	Verifiable Standard OR >50%, where measurable.
<p><b>EXTENT:</b> 1) Verifiable Standard OR 2) Measurable, the percentage proportion of a breached area in relation to the whole claim area (SFS Universal) or commitment area (SFS Optional/Collaborative).  This percentage is matched to the relevant EXTENT level on the Penalty Matrix.</p>	<b>1</b>	Verifiable Standard OR 0% to 50%, where measurable
	<b>2</b>	Verifiable Standard OR >50% to 100%, where measurable
<p><b>PERMANENCE:</b> Whether a breach can be rectified within 12 months period from discovery.</p>	<b>RECTIFIABLE</b>	Can be rectified within 12 calendar months
	<b>PERMANENT</b>	Cannot be rectified within 12 calendar months