

Press release

Important opportunity to correct BISS applications without penalty

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The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine today advised that notifications for the Preliminary Checks under the 2023 Basic Income Support for Sustainability (BISS) and other area-based schemes are now issuing to farmers.

Preliminary checks will identify any over-claims, overlaps or dual claims. Notifications are issued where the department finds such an error on the farmer's 2023 BISS application.

Where a farmer or agent receives a preliminary check notification, they should log on to www.agfood.ie and respond before the deadline of 5 July 2023.

Notifications relating to the Area Monitoring System (AMS) are due to start next week. The first round of AMS notifications are for the potential presence of artificial surfaces, for example: buildings, farmyard extensions and farm roadways, in land parcels(s). Farmers will have until 10 July 2023 to respond to these notifications. Further rounds of AMS notifications will issue later in the year.

These Preliminary Checks and AMS notifications allows the farmer the opportunity to rectify issues with their BISS application without penalty. Farmers and advisors should check the correspondence section of their BISS online account. Where a farmer is signed up for text message alerts, a text will issue to advise them that they have a notification on their BISS account.

Notes

User guide and frequently asked questions documents are available at:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/service/4ae67-basic-income-support-for-sustainability-biss-scheme/#biss-help-guides-and-videos>. (<https://www.gov.ie/en/service/4ae67-basic-income-support-for-sustainability-biss-scheme/#biss-help-guides-and-videos>)

Should farmers wish to contact the department they can do so at:

- 057 867 4422 in relation to queries on their BISS and other area-based schemes application, preliminary checks notifications, AMS notifications
- 049 436 8288 in relation to queries on registering for www.agfood.ie (<https://agfood.agriculture.gov.ie/sso-auth-ui-applicant/#/login>). – for example queries on lost passwords, how to register

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