

DIRECT PAYMENTS TO FARMERS (LEGISLATIVE CONTINUITY) BILL
AMENDMENT TO BE MOVED AT COMMITTEE STAGE

In clause 1, page 2, line 26

Leave out “the beginning of 2020” and insert “1
January 2020 at 00.01”

Effect

This amendment would clarify the date from which the relevant EU legislation is to be treated as if it had formed part of domestic law.

Reason

Clause 1(6) of the Bill provides that, in respect of the 2020 claim year, the Common Agricultural Policy direct payment legislation¹ is to be treated as if it had formed part of domestic law from the “beginning of 2020”. In order to ensure clarity and specificity in the law, there would be merit in clarifying that this legislation will be treated as having formed part of domestic law from “1 January 2020 at 00.01”.

¹ As detailed in clause 1(3).