

2026 GAEC and core SMR
Inspection Task record

General Details

Main Location Code

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Business Reference No.

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A. List all location codes **visited** for this report (including MLC if visited)

Origin of inspection (tick appropriate box)

Risk	
Random	
Target	

Question No(s):

B. Notice of inspection
(1= unannounced, 0-3 hrs; 2= 3-24 hrs; 3= 24-48 hrs; 4= 2-14 days; 5 = >14 days)

Please give reason for
notice (all categories)

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C. Date of Inspection

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D. Person(s) present at or involved in this inspection

RPID	FARMER / AGENT

1. Establishment of buffer strips along water courses

(GAEC 1)

- 1.1 Has the farmer cultivated land within 2m of the top of the bank of surface water (watercourse, ditch, pond, etc)?
- | Yes | No |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ☐ | ☐ |
- 1.2 If **Yes to 1.1**, do any of the exemptions apply?
- | Yes | No |
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| ☐ | ☒ |
- *Creating a green cover where one does not already exist*
— *Establishing a new hedge*
- G1.B5
- 1.3 Has the farmer applied pesticides to land within 2m of the top of the bank of surface water (watercourses, ditches, ponds, etc)?
- | Yes | No |
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| ☐ | ☐ |
- 1.4 If **Yes to 1.3**, do any of the exemptions apply?
- | Yes | No |
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| ☐ | ☒ |
- *Controlling injurious weeds, invasive species and, after prior written consent certain other weed species*
- G1.B5
- 1.5 Is there any evidence that chemical fertilisers that don't contain nitrogen (e.g. P and K only) have been applied to any land that has resulted in either fertiliser entering surface water or a significant risk of fertiliser entering surface water?
- | Yes | No |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ☒ | ☐ |
- G1.B3
- Taking into account;
- *The slope of the land*
 - *Any ground cover*
 - *The proximity of the land to surface water*
 - *Weather conditions*
 - *Type of fertiliser*
- 1.6 Has the farmer allowed organic manure from a store anywhere on the holding to become located;
- | Yes | No |
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| ☒ | ☐ |
- G1.B2
- Within 10 metres of any surface water (watercourse, ditch, pond, etc)?
 - Within 50 metres of any well or borehole etc used for water supply?

		Yes	No
1.7	Does the farmer have land <u>outside</u> an NVZ area?		
The application of fertilisers on land in NVZ areas will be assessed during the NVZ inspection.			

If Yes to 1.7 – answer 1.8, 1.9 & 1.10

		Yes	No
1.8	Is there any evidence that organic manures have been applied to land that is		
— Within 10 metres of any surface water (watercourse, ditch, pond, etc)?			
— Within 50 metres of any well or borehole etc used for water supply?			
		G1.B1	

		Yes	No
1.9	Is there any evidence that fertilisers that contain nitrogen (chemical or organic) have been applied to any land that has resulted in either fertiliser entering surface water or a significant risk of fertiliser entering surface water?		
		G1.B4	

Taking into account;

- ***The slope of the land***
- ***Any ground cover***
- ***The proximity of the land to surface water***
- ***Weather conditions***
- ***Type of fertiliser***

		Yes	No
1.10	Has the farmer located any field middens/heaps;		
— within 10 metres of any surface water?			
— within 50 metres of any well or borehole etc. used as a water supply?			
		G1.B2	

2. Abstraction of water for irrigation (GAEC 2)

Details of farmers with an abstraction licence(s) have been sent to SEPA for an abstraction inspection to be completed. The aim of this question is to identify farmers that have either recently been issued with a licence or are abstracting without a licence.

		Yes	No
2.1	Does the farmer abstract water for irrigation?		

		Yes	No
2.2a	If Yes to 2.1, does the farmer have an abstraction licence?		

If the farmer has a water abstraction licence, record licence number(s) -

If the farmer abstracts water for irrigation, please send the details to the XC mailbox as soon as possible and HQ staff will arrange for SEPA to carry out a water abstraction inspection.

3. Protection of groundwater against pollution **(GAEC 3)**

Sheep Dip

3.1 Does the farmer use sheep dip to control external parasites or bloom dips to colour fleeces?

Yes	No
☐	☐

3.2 If **Yes to 3.1**, is the waste dip disposed of to land, including on common grazing?

Yes	No
☐	☐

3.3 If **Yes to 3.2**, is the waste dip disposed of with a groundwater licence?

Yes	No
☐	☒

G3.A1

If dip is disposed of with a groundwater licence provide details -

Licence number:	
Responsible person:	

If the farmer has not been selected for a groundwater inspection, send the details to the XC mailbox.

3.4 If **Yes to 3.1**, does the farmer employ a contractor who removes the waste dip and disposes it off-farm?

Yes	No
☐	☐

If the dip is removed by a contractor, provide contractor details -

Name:	
Address:	
Tel:	

Plant Protection Product Washings

3.5 Does the farmer use plant protection products?

Yes	No
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Plant protection products refer to herbicides including growth regulators

If Yes to 3.5, Answer 3.6-3.9:

How are surplus spray and washings disposed -

3.6 Backsprayed on the crop?

Yes	No
☐	☐

3.7 In a fully contained wash down area on the farm, including Sentinel treatment facilities?

Yes	No
☐	☐

3.8 Removed by the contractor who applied the product?

Yes	No
☐	☐

If the product is removed by a contractor, provide contractor details -

Name	
Address:	
Tel:	

3.9 On an area of grass or in a bio-bed on the farm?

Yes	No
☐	☐

3.10 If **Yes to 3.9**, is the product disposed of with a groundwater licence?

Yes	No
☐	☒

G3.A1

If the product is disposed of with a groundwater licence provide details -

Licence number:	
Responsible person:	

Other List I or List II Substances

3.11 Is groundwater at risk of pollution from other List I or List II substances e.g. leaking diesel store, waste tractor oil, old batteries, etc?

Yes	No
☒	☐

G3.B1

If **Yes to 3.11** provide details -

4. Minimum soil cover (GAEC 4)

4.1 Has the farmer ploughed the stubble of a previous crop and left the soil bare?

Yes	No
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4.2 If **Yes to 4.1**, is there soil erosion or is there a high risk of soil erosion?

Yes	No
☐	☐

4.3 If **Yes to 4.2**, have agronomic or weather conditions been such that, cultivating the land would have been detrimental to agricultural production or has the land been prepared for sowing the subsequent crop?

Yes	No
☐	☒

G4.A1

5. Minimum land management reflecting site specific conditions to limit erosion (GAEC 5)

Livestock

- 5.1 Is there soil erosion on the banks of watercourses, watering points and/or feeding areas from overgrazing or heavy poaching by livestock?

Yes	No
☒	☐

G5.A1

Late harvested crops

- 5.2 Has the farmer harvested potatoes or root crops at a time when agronomic or weather conditions prevented the subsequent crop or a cover crop from being established?

Yes	No
☐	☐

- 5.3 If **Yes to 5.2**, is there soil erosion or is there a high risk of soil erosion?

Yes	No
☐	☐

- 5.4 If **Yes to 5.3**, have appropriate measures (e.g. grubbing, sediment traps, sediment fences, etc.) been put in place to limit soil erosion?

Yes	No
☐	☒

G5.A2

6. Maintenance of soil organic matter (GAEC 6)

- 6.1 Has the farmer burned arable stubble for reasons other than plant disease or pest control?

Yes	No
☒	☐

G6.B1

- 6.2 Has the farmer ploughed or cultivated rough grazings or other semi-natural areas without approval under EIA?

Yes	No
☒	☐

G6.B2

- 6.3 Has the farmer damaged an area of Peatland or Wetland by carrying out a prohibited activity?

Yes	No
☒	☐

G6.B3

- 6.4 Does the farmer carry out Muirburn?

Yes	No
☐	☐

- 6.5 If **Yes to 6.4**, has Muirburn resulted in extensive areas being burnt because of any of the following breaches of the Muirburn code:

Yes	No
☒	☐

G6.A1

- *The farmer left the fire unattended;*
- *The farmer was unable to control a fire or failed to make provision for its proper control?*

- 6.6 If **Yes to 6.4**, has Muirburn resulted in damage to any areas of woodland?

Yes	No
☒	☐

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7. Retention of landscape features (GAEC 7)

- 7.1 Has the farmer removed or destroyed any of the following landscape features, without prior written consent:

Yes	No
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G7.B1	

- *drystone or flagstone dyke;*
- *turf and stone-faced bank;*
- *wall;*
- *hedge;*
- *pond;*
- *watercourse;*
- *trees (in line, in a group or isolated)?*

Consent is not required to; widen field entrances to enable access for livestock or farm machinery or to fell trees that are dead, diseased, damaged or insecurely rooted and are likely to cause a danger by falling over

- 7.2 Has the farmer carried out any hedge trimming or lopped branches off trees between 1 March and 31 August (inclusive), where the exemptions did not apply?

Yes	No
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G7.B2	

Exemptions include;

- *Road safety, or;*
- *Where the hedge or tree is in a field which in the month of August is:-*
 - *sown with a crop of oil seed rape; or*
 - *re-seeded with temporary grass; or*
 - *subject to prior written consent of the Scottish Ministers, sown with another crop*

- 7.3 Has the farmer cultivated land within 2m of the centre line of a hedge?

Yes	No
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- 7.4 If Yes to 7.3, do any of the exemptions apply?

Yes	No
☐	☒
G7.B3	

- *Creating a green cover where one does not already exist*
- *Establishing a new hedge*

- 7.5 Has the farmer applied fertilisers or pesticides to land within 2m of the centre line of a hedge?

Yes	No
☐	☐

- 7.6 If Yes to 7.5, do any of the exemptions apply?

Yes	No
☐	☒
G7.B3	

- *Establishing a new hedge*
- *Controlling injurious weeds, invasive species and, after prior written consent certain other weed species*

- 7.7 Has the farmer altered, damaged and/or destroyed any Scheduled Monuments without prior written consent?

Yes	No
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G7.B4	

8. Conservation of wild birds and Flora & Fauna (SMR 2) & (SMR 3)

If a breach is found record under SMR 2 if the breach relates to a Special Protection Area (SPA) or under SMR 3 if the breach relates to a Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

8.1 Does the farmer have any land in or bordering a Special Protection Area (SPA), or Special Area of Conservation (SAC)?

Yes	No
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8.2 If **Yes to 8.1**, has the farmer carried out, caused or permitted any specified operation within the SPA or SAC (i.e Operations Requiring Consent)?

Yes	No
☐	☐

8.3 If **Yes to 8.2**, does the farmer have consent to carry out the specified operation?

Yes	No
☐	☐

8.4 If **No to 8.3**, has the farmer damaged the special interest of the SPA / SAC?

Yes	No
☐	☐

S2.A1 S3.A1

8.5 If **Yes to 8.3**, has the farmer complied with the conditions of consent?

Yes	No
☐	☐

8.6 If **No to 8.5**, has the farmer damaged the interests of the SPA / SAC?

Yes	No
☐	☐

S2.A1 S3.A1

8.7 Has the farmer failed to comply with any nature conservation order, management order or restoration order served by a court in relation to the interests of the SPA / SAC?

Yes	No
☐	☐

S2.A2 S3.A2

8.8 Has the farmer intentionally or recklessly damaged or destroyed the special interest of the SPA / SAC or disturbed any birds for which the SPA has been designated?

Yes	No
☐	☐

S2.B1 S3.B1

Applies where the land is within or bordering an SPA or SAC

8.9 Has the farmer carried out any activities outside a SPA which are likely to result in the disturbance of birds or the deterioration of habitats affecting birds?

Yes	No
☐	☐

S2.B2

Applies to all land

9 Does the farmer have any livestock?

Yes No

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If Yes, answer Sections 10 and 11

**10. Prevention and control of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE)
(SMR 9)**

10.1 Are any animals suspected of being infected by Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE)?

Yes No

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10.2 If **Yes to 10.1**, has the farmer notified APHA?

Yes No

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10.3 If **Yes to 10.2**, If there has been notification of a TSE suspect case or confirmed case, has the farmer complied with the following;

Yes No

	S9.A2 S9.A3 S9.A4 S9.A5
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- any movement restrictions imposed?
- any orders to slaughter and destroy animal(s)?
- other notices served by an inspector?
- any inquiry carried out by an inspector to identify all animals at risk?

10.4 Is the farmer feeding animal protein or any feeding stuff that contains animal protein to ruminants?

Yes No

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Exceptions to this are feeding milk, milk based products and colostrum, eggs and egg products, gelatine from non-ruminants or hydrolysed proteins derived from non ruminants or from ruminant hides and skins or liquid milk replacers for unweaned ruminants containing fishmeal, if registered to do so.

10.5 Has the farmer used feeding products containing prohibited proteins to any farmed animals, or mixing prohibited proteins with feed stuffs?

Yes No

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'Prohibited proteins are gelatine from ruminants and processed animal protein (such as mammalian meat and bonemeal, poultry meal, feather meal)'

10.6 Has the farmer used restricted proteins to produce feed for non-ruminants, without authorisation from a competent authority?

Yes No

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'Restricted proteins' are animal proteins restricted to non-ruminant feed production: fishmeal; blood products; bloodmeal (for feeding to farmed fish); dicalcium phosphate and tricalcium phosphate of animal origin'

10.7 Has the farmer used feed products containing restricted proteins on farm where there are ruminants present, without authorisation from a competent authority?

Yes No

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| 10.8 | Has the farmer exported from the UK, any bovine animal(s) born or reared in the United Kingdom before 1 August 1996? | Yes | No | | | S9.B5 |
| 10.9 | Has the farmer placed on the market or exported any products consisting of or incorporating any material (other than milk) derived from a bovine animal born or reared in the United Kingdom before 1 August 1996? | Yes | No | | | S9.B6 |
| 10.10 | Has the farmer placed on the market or exported first generation offspring, the semen, ova or embryos of cattle, sheep or goats (of any age) without fully complying with the documentation requirements and restrictions applying to the sale or export of such products? | Yes | No | | | S9.B7 |
| 10.11 | Has the farmer moved any cattle born or reared in the UK before 1 August 1996 from their registered premises, and not obtained a movement licence from the Animal and Plant Health Agency? | Yes | No | | | S9.B8 |

11. Animal identification, registration and traceability
(SMR 6, 7 & 8)

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| 11.1 | Are there any obvious breaches of the animal identification, registration and traceability legislation? | Yes | No | | |
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If Yes:-

For breaches of SMR 6 pass details to the Livestock Co-ordinator to bring forward the date of the Pig inspection.

For breaches of SMR 7 and 8, pass details of the type and extent of breaches to the Livestock Co-ordinator who will report the findings to AIT for consideration of an ad hoc inspection.

Summary of Breach Findings

Requirement breached & Question number (e.g. GAEC 3 – Q3.3)		Intent Negligent/ Intentional	Extent On farm/ Off farm	Severity Very low/Low/ Medium/High	Permanence Rectifiable/ Permanent	Reoccurrence 1 st offence/ 2 nd offence/ 3 rd offence
Breach Comment						
Breach Comment						
Breach Comment						
Breach Comment						

E. Inspector's comments (general)

Inspection Task record (only for Risk or Random inspections)

1. Does the farmer produce milk or colostrum for human consumption?

If **Yes** a Dairy Hygiene CRF has to be completed.

Yes	No

2. Has the farmer kept pigs at any time since the start of the calendar year?

If **Yes** a Pig ID and traceability CRF has to be completed.

Yes	No

3. Does the farmer have any permanent land in a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone (NVZ)?

If **Yes** a NVZ CRF has to be completed.

Yes	No

4. Has the farmer used Plant Protection Products (PPP) at any time since the start of the calendar year?

If **Yes** a PPP CRF has to be completed.

Yes	No

5. Has the farmer held a groundwater authorisation at any time since the start of the calendar year?

If **Yes** a GWR CRF has to be completed.

Yes	No

Inspector's signature -

Date -

Name -

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F. Applicant/representative's comments - covering all Inspection Tasks completed during this farm visit.

Applicant's
signature -

Date -

Name -

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