

<b>Full Title:</b>	Regulatory and Legal Issues
<b>Module Code:</b>	LAW S6001
<b>Credits:</b>	5
<b>Valid From:</b>	Semester 1 - 2013/14 ( September 2013 )
<b>Module Delivered in</b>	<a href="#">2 programme(s)</a>
<b>Module Description:</b>	Alert students to the implications of EU national and international directives, regulations and requirements as they affect farming today. Demonstrate to students what is available through the major Grants and Schemes via the EU, Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Environment. The students will also have a knowledge of the law and legal issues that apply to farmers
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	
<i>On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to</i>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the main regulations and requirements of the major EU environmental schemes and legislation</li> <li>2. Discuss the requirements of Area Aid and Single Farm Payment schemes</li> <li>3. Discuss details of law and the civil court system and legal issues that apply to modern farming practice.</li> <li>4. Discuss the legal issues relating to inheritance and family law in relation to farming.</li> </ol>	

**Module Content & Assessment**

**Indicative Content**

**International and National Regulatory Bodies**

Regulatory authorities including EU, WHO, FDA, Codex Alimentarius, GATT/WTO, Oireachtas, DAFM, FSAI, NSAI, HSA, Bord Bia, Irish Dairy Board

**Major EU environmental legislation**

Requirements, grants and cross compliance needed for the Agri-environmental Options Scheme (AEOS) and the Nitrates Directive. Setting up and auditing of the Nitrates Directive and AEOS.

**EU Single Farm Payment**

CAP and reform, including Greening issues. Application and online registration; land use and eligibility, entitlements and stacking; inspections, auditing, cross compliance against statutory Mandatory Requirements (SMR) and GAEC. Leasing, transferring and selling entitlements

**Company law and legal Issues**

Introduction to the Irish legal system. Contract Law and Sale of Goods Contracts. Tort law including duty of care, negligence, occupiers liability (visitors, recreational users and trespass) and liability for animals. Land law including rights of way, boundries and planning applications. Employers law including vicarious liability for employee's wrongful acts, employment rights and health and safety law. Insurance contracts and adequate cover.

**Family Law**

Family law including co-habitation, marriage, separation, divorce, children and probate law.

**Assessment Breakdown**

Assessment Breakdown	%
Course Work	40.00%
End of Module Formal Examination	60.00%

**Full Time**

**Course Work**

Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Marks Out Of	Pass Marks	Assessment Date	Duration
Project	Project relating to Area Aid Application or Single farm Payment Scheme	2	20.00	0	0	Sem 1 End	0
Project	Project relating to farming legal issues	3,4	20.00	0	0	Sem 1 End	0

No Project

No Practical

**End of Module Formal Examination**

Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Marks Out Of	Pass Marks	Assessment Date	Duration
Formal Exam	End-of-Semester Final Examination	1,3,4	60.00	0	0	End-of-Semester	0

**Reassessment Requirement**

**A repeat examination**

Reassessment of this module will consist of a repeat examination. It is possible that there will also be a requirement to be reassessed in a coursework element.

DKIT reserves the right to alter the nature and timings of assessment

**Module Workload & Resources**

**Workload: Full Time**

Workload Type	Workload Description	Hours	Frequency	Average Weekly Learner Workload
Lecture	Farm regulations and law	4.00	Every Week	4.00
Independent Study	n/a	1.00	Every Week	1.00
Directed Reading	n/a	2.00	Every Week	2.00
Total Weekly Learner Workload				7.00
Total Weekly Contact Hours				4.00

**This course has no Part Time workload.**

**Resources**

*Recommended Book Resources*

Dept of Ag food & Rural Development (DAFRD, *Explanatory handbook for CAP regulations*, DAFRD, 2006, 1st

Kinsella, J 2012, *Health, Safety and Welfare Law in Ireland*, 2nd Ed., Gill and Macmillan.

Moffat, J 2011, *Employment Law*, 3rd Ed., Oxford University Press

Penrose, W 2006, *Farming Law; a guide for farmers*, First Law

The Agricultural Consultants Associations 2013, *The Farmers Handbook*, 20th Ed., The Agricultural Advisory Alliance [ISBN: 978-0-9557861-5-0]

*Supplementary Book Resources*

Ericksen, P. et al., *Law & procedures in relation to employment*, Teagasc 2003

Moore- Walsh, K 2010, *Make that Grade Irish Tort Law*, 3rd Ed., Gill & Macmillan

*Recommended Article/Paper Resources*

*List of contemporary websites, journal articles, etc. Teagasc t-net site current agricultural publications farmers Journal etc*

*Other Resources*

website: [www.citizensinformation.ie/n/a](http://www.citizensinformation.ie/n/a)

website: [www.teagasc.ie/n/a](http://www.teagasc.ie/n/a)

Link: *Library Catalogue*  
<http://tinyurl.com/qgt83vy>

**Module Delivered in**

<b>Programme Code</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Delivery</b>
DK_SAGRI_8	<a href="#">Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Agriculture</a>	4	Mandatory
DK_SAGRI_C	<a href="#">Higher Certificate in Science in Agriculture</a>	4	Mandatory