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| **NPI Name:** | **Gate and two gate posts – Stock Proof Fence** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **NPI Code:** | **GPS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **NPI Payment:** | Year 1: | | £267.33 per gate and two posts | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **NPI Aim(s):** | To protect and provide access to newly created EFS Options, facilitate remedial management of EFS(H) sites and contribute to the protection of soil and water. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Scheme Applicability:** | Wider – EFS(W) | | | | **✓** | | Higher – EFS(H) | | | | **✓** | Group – EFS(G) | **✓** | |
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| **This NPI is:** | Permanent | | | **✓** | | Rotational | | |  | |  | | |
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| **NPI Description and Outcome:** | ‘Gate and two gate posts - stock-proof fence’ is eligible in any newly  created EFS(W) Option where it is included as an essential capital works  item or in any other EFS(W) Option where it is included as an approved  additional capital works item. This NPI is eligible where it will maintain  and enhance the biodiversity value of EFS(H) sites and is included in the  site specific Remedial Management Plan (ssRMP). A ‘Gate and two gate  posts - stock-proof fence’ will help control grazing livestock, protect  environmental features and facilitate implementation of the ssRMP. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Number Permitted:** | **Minimum** | 1 | | | | | | **Maximum** | | Not Applicable\* | | | |

\* The number of ‘Gate and two gate posts – stock-proof fence’ applied for must be indicative

of the EFS Option area or length they are associated with.

**Requirements and Controls:**

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| **Code** | **Non-productive investment requirements (capital works)** | **Control type1** | | |
| **Admin** | **CwRS** | **OTSC** |
| **GPS1C** | All ‘Gate and two gate posts - stock-proof fence’ must be completed  by the end of Year 1. | **✓** |  | **✓** |
| **GPS2C** | New materials must be used for the ‘Gate and two gate posts - stockproof fence’. | **✓** |  | **✓** |
| **GPS3C** | The claimed number of ‘Gate and two gate posts - - stock-proof fence’ must be erected in the correct location in the field(s) where it has been approved. | **✓** |  | **✓** |
| **GPS4C** | The claimed number of ‘Gate and two gate posts - - stock-proof fence’ must be erected to the Specification outlined below. |  |  | **✓** |
| **GPS5C** | Field records must be kept detailing Integrated Pest Management  (IPM) requirements, location, size, number(s) and date erected for  ‘Gate and two gate posts - stock-proof fence’. |  |  | **✓** |

The possible control types for each requirement may be:

‘Admin’ – administrative checks, ‘CwRS’ – Control with Remote Sensing, ‘OTSC’ – On-the-Spot Check

**Specification:**

* The gate, gate posts and gate hangers must be galvanised to the relevant British Standard;
* The minimum standard for a gate is a six bar gate with bracing and gates must be soundly framed and constructed with steel piping or rectangular hollow section or similar metal;
* The overall height of the gate must be at least 1.10 m from the bottom of the bottom rail to the top of the top rail;
* The minimum width of the gate opening must be 4.27 m;
* Gate hanging and closing posts must be at least 114 mm diameter x 3 mm thick steel piping or similar metal;
* Gate hanging and closing posts must be set in concrete;
* The gate must be fitted with all fittings needed for its operation and be hung in a satisfactory manner;
* The gate must not open outwards on to a public road; and ‘Gate and two gate posts - stock-proof fence’ must be erected and maintained as detailed in the ssRMP for EFS(H) sites.

**Further Advice:**

If you intend to complete this NPI on a march boundary, you should ensure that you have fully discussed and agreed that you can carry out the NPI requirements and controls on the march boundary with the person who has control of the neighbouring land.

Approval should be sought from DFI TransportNI before a ‘Gate and two gate posts - deer fence’ is erected along a roadway.

The steel piping or rectangular hollow section or similar metal of the gate should be at least 1.50 mm thick.

Gate hanging and closing posts should be at least 2.10 m long and set 0.75 m deep into the ground.