**Annex 1 2024 Business rules - Cross-Compliance SMRs and GAECs**

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| **AREA** | **SMR/GAEC** |  | **RESPONSIBLE BODY** |
| **Environment, Climate Change and GAEC** | SMR 1 | Protection of water against nitrates pollution | NIEA |
| GAEC 1 | Establishment of buffer strips along water courses | NIEA |
| GAEC 2 | Irrigation authorisations | NIEA |
| GAEC 3 | Protection of groundwater against pollution  | NIEA |
| GAEC 4 | Minimum soil cover | DAERA (FFRA) |
| GAEC 5 | Minimum land management reflecting site specific conditions to limit erosion | DAERA (FFRA) |
| GAEC 6 | Maintenance of soil organic matter level through appropriate practices, including ban on burning arable stubble, except for plant health reasons | DAERA (FFRA) |
| SMR 2 | Conservation of wild birds | NIEA |
| SMR 3 | Conservation of natural habitats and of wild flora and fauna | NIEA |
| GAEC 7 | Retention of landscape features | DAERA (FFRA) |
| **Public Health, Animal Health and Plant Safety** | SMR 4 | Food and feed law | DAERA (FFRA) |
| SMR 5 | Restrictions on the use of substances having hormonal or thyrostatic action and beta-agonists in farm animals | VSAHG |
| SMR 6 | Pig identification and registration | VSAHG |
| SMR 7 | Cattle identification and registration | VSAHG |
| SMR 8 | Sheep and goat identification and registration | VSAHG |
| SMR 9 | Prevention, control and eradication of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs) | VSAHG |
| SMR 10 | Restrictions on the use of plant protection products | HSE(NI) |
| **Animal Welfare** | SMR 11 | Minimum standards for the protection of calves | VSAHG |
| SMR 12 | Minimum standards for the protection of pigs | VSAHG  |
| SMR 13 | Protection of animals kept for farming purposes | VSAHG |