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MILK QUOTA NATIONAL RESERVE SCHEMES 2011/2012
MILK QUOTA APPEALS TRIBUNAL (HARDSHIP)

Application forms for the allocation of additional milk quota from the National Reserve on a Permanent **(HARDSHIP**) basis are now available from Co-operatives/Dairies and Milk Quota Section, Floor 3 Centre, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Fully completed applications will be assessed by the Milk Quota Appeals Tribunal **– incomplete forms will not be placed before the Tribunal for decision.**

1. Permanent Allocations

Priority will be given to **SMALL-SCALE** producers who are committed to and highly dependent on dairying. In assessing applications from individual producers, the Tribunal will take into account factors such as:

- Current quota size,
- Commitment to dairying,
- Off-farm income and/or other farm enterprises,
- Size of holding,
- Family circumstances, including succession,
- Previous allocations from the National Reserve and
- Any other circumstances relevant to the application as outlined by the applicant.

Milk quota allocated under this Scheme will only be available to recipients while they remain in milk production. The period for the submission of applications ends on **1st July 2011. Applications received after this date will not be considered by the Milk Quota Appeals Tribunal.** Applicants should read the explanatory note accompanying the form before completing their applications.

2. Reallocations of Previous National Reserve Allocations

Where an entire quota is definitively transferred between family members under Regulation 9, Regulation 10 or Regulation 11 of the European Communities (Milk Quota) Regulations 2008 – SI 227 of 2008, the national reserve quota held by the transferor at the time of the transfer is deemed to be re-allocated from the National Reserve to the transferee for their use while they remain in production. When the quota is transferred by way of land lease under Regulation 9 the quota is deemed to be re-allocated for the duration of the lease.

3. Temporary Allocations

A further announcement will issue in the autumn regarding details of the Scheme for temporary allocations to Restricted Producers (ANIMAL DISEASE).

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