

Circular 27/2015

26<sup>th</sup> May 2015

To: GLAS Advisors

Re: **Registered Farm Partnerships**

Dear Advisor,

A number of issues have arisen over the last few days with regard to the status of Registered Farm Partnerships. It appears that some applicants that were joint ventures have formed Registered Farm Partnerships and now have an expectation of joining GLAS and receiving higher ceiling payments. The Terms and Conditions for GLAS are clear that this provision of increased payment only applies where each partner brings additional land to the Partnership at its inception. The GLAS system is designed to process applications on this basis.

In the circumstances, you may wish to consult further with your clients. Where there is any doubt, it may be better to hold these applications over until Tranche 2. If it is established that more than one partner has brought land to the Partnership, these applications will be prioritised for Tranche 2. This will of course be conditional on the 2015 BPS application being made under the Registered Farm Partnership identifier and where the partnership complies fully with the GLAS Terms and Conditions.

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