DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIROMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Ref Number	Details	Reference
Where DoF approval (in writing) is required:		
Business Specific Delegations		
1.	Capital Projects involving over £20million of Central Government expenditure. This includes Financial Transactions Capital.	
2.	The write-off of losses over £100,000 relating to grants or subsidies arising from miscalculation, misinterpretation or missing information.	
3.	AFBI appointment of over 20 Fixed term contract (FTC) posts per annum or future redundancy cost per post of over £16k.	
4.	Agriculture students prize money over £1,700.	
Legislation Specific Delegations		
5.	Schemes / Programmes / Projects for the purpose of encouraging rural development over £10m, including grants to district councils for rural development purposes. ***(Excludes projects funded under City Deals)***.	The Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (legislation.gov.uk) Local Government Finance Act (NI) 2011
6.	Writing off Agricultural Loans Fund loans.	Development Loans (Agriculture & Fisheries) Act (NI) 1968 S4(4).
7.	Rate of interest to be charged on loans under the Act.	Development Loans (Agriculture & Fisheries) Act (NI) 1968 S6.
8.	Amount of fee to accompany a loan.	Development Loans (Agriculture & Fisheries) Act (NI) 1968 S6.
9.	Schemes of financial assistance for sea fish industry.	The Agriculture and Fisheries (Financial Assistance) (NI) Order 1987
10.	Making schemes for loans from the Agricultural Loans Fund for land/buildings/machinery.	Development Loans (Agriculture and Fisheries) Act (NI) 1985 S5(1)

11.	Regulations prescribing the fee to be paid on the submission of a scheme by an approved developer for development of derelict waters where the amount is greater than £100 prescribed in the Angling Waters (Development Schemes) Regulations (NI) 1992.	Fisheries Act (NI) 1966 S3A (2)
12.	Conduct/promote/assist by grants etc. research re inland fisheries, salmon fisheries, and fish other than sea-fish.	Fisheries Act (NI) 1966 S12
13.	Making schemes for provision of grants to sea fishing vessels.	Fishing Vessels (Grants) Act (NI) 1967 S1(1)
14.	Making schemes for provision of grants etc. to fish farms in inland waters.	Fishing Industry Act (NI) 1972 S1(5)
15.	Acquisition of business.	Fish Industry Act (NI) 1972 S9.
16.	Making schemes to provide grants or loans for the purpose of re-organising, developing or promoting the sea fish industry.	Fisheries Act 1981 (S15 as read with paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 2 to the Sea Fisheries (NI) Order 2002)
17.	Making loans to a fishery harbour authority.	Harbours Act (NI) 1970 S2
18.	Payment of grant for harbour works or grants for payment of loan interest in respect of a fishery harbour authority.	Harbours Act (NI) 1970 S3
19.	Expenditure towards eradication/prevention of disease.	Diseases of Animals (NI) Order 1981 S3
20.	Making schemes for prevention control of disease and payment of compensation.	Diseases of Animals (NI) Order 1981 S8(1)
21.	Additional staff remuneration for slaughter of animals.	Diseases of Animals (NI) Order 1981 S17
22.	Expenses over £3,000 incurred in controlling horticultural pests etc.	Plant Health Act (NI) 1967 S4(5) amended by The Agriculture (Miscellaneous provisions) (NI) Order 1984

23.	Optional inspection of ware potatoes for sale within Northern Ireland.	Marketing of Potatoes Act (NI) 1964 S7(2) (as amended by The Agriculture (Miscellaneous provisions) Order 1984)
24.	Postgraduate Studentship Scheme - up to 16 new students per academic year.	Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949 S5
25.	Schemes, over £5m to assist with the provision for education and instruction, scholarships and undertaking of research in agriculture, or related subjects.	Agriculture Act (NI) 1949 S5(2)
26.	Making schemes for the improvement of land etc.	Agriculture Act (NI) 1949 S6
27.	Schemes, over £5m, for the purpose of promoting efficiency in agriculture or of facilitating the production of food, the department may make goods and services (including advisory services) available to persons farming agricultural land or marketing or distributing agricultural produce.	Agriculture Act (NI) 1949 S7(1)
28.	Making schemes for aiding improvement of animals.	Agriculture Act (NI) 1949 S9
29.	Making grants for propagation of plants or crops.	Agriculture Act (NI) 1949 S11
30.	Schemes, over £2m, making grants to show societies etc.	Agricultural Act (NI) 1949 S12
31.	Schemes over £5m making grants to any association, institution or club which has amongst its aims is the development of agriculture, horticulture or apiculture or of any branch thereof or the welfare or training of farmers or agricultural workers.	Agriculture Act (NI) 1949 S12
32.	Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) Scheme over £150 per case.	The Farm Structure Scheme

33.	Farm Structure grants for amalgamations and boundary adjustments or to individuals relinquishing occupation of uncommercial units.	Agricultural Fisheries (Financial Assistance) (NI) Order 1987 Articles 9, 10 and 11
34.	Making schemes for the payment of agricultural capital grants.	Agricultural Fisheries (Financial Assistance) (NI) Order 1987 Article 16(1) and (2)
35.	Making schemes for the benefit of milk consumers.	The Agriculture (Miscellaneous provisions) (NI) Order 1984.
36.	Making schemes to improve the quality of eggs.	Marketing of Eggs (Amendment) Act (NI) 1969 S5
37.	Making schemes for development of livestock and livestock products.	Livestock Marketing Commission Act (NI) 1967 S2.
38.	Payment of Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland expenses excluding travel.	Livestock Marketing Commission Act (NI) 1967 S2(3). Travel delegated in the last MSFM
39.	Making (and repealing) schemes for the benefit of persons engaged in the production or marketing of any produce specified in the schemes.	The Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1984 S7
40.	Expenses of public enquiry.	The Agricultural Marketing (NI) Order 1982
41.	Levies on bookmakers.	The Horse Racing (NI) Order 1990.
42.	Payments under the independent appeals process for IACS-related schemes	Farm Subsidies (Review of Decisions) Regulations (NI) 2001.
43.	Financial Assistance for natural heritage projects over £5m.	Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (NI) Order 1985 (as amended) Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983
44.	Disposal, Acquisition or conveying of lands and provision of facilities – on terms greater than £100k.	Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (NI) Order 1985 (as amended) The Historic Monuments & Archaeological Objects Order (NI) 1995 The Water (NI) Order 1999

45.	Expenditure on legal enquiries by the Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside.	Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1989
46.	Expenses of members of the Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside.	Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (Amendment) (NI) Order 1989
47.	Grants and loans to National Trust on terms greater than £5m.	Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (NI) Order 1985
48.	Grants to owners of Derelict sites in excess of £50k.	Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (NI) Order 1985
49.	Acquisition of land for public access.	Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983.
50.	Grants to anti-litter bodies over £50k.	Litter (NI) Order 1994
51.	Grants payable under Smoke Control Orders.	Clean Air Order (NI) 1981.
52.	Air Quality Grants over £250k.	Environment (NI) Order 2002
53.	Grants towards schemes/projects for pollution prevention and control over £5m.	Environment (NI) Order 2002
54.	Grants towards schemes/projects for the recovery and disposal of waste over £5m.	Environment (NI) Order 2002
55.	Appointment of inspectors – recruitment, remuneration and allowances outside of NICS terms.	Radioactive Substances Act 1993
56.	Changes to fees and or charges payable under the Radioactive Substances Act.	Radioactive Substances Act 1993
57.	Charges for the use of facilities on forestry land.	Forestry Act (NI) 2010 S3(3)
58.	Incidental powers.	Forestry Act (NI) 2010 S7

59.	Fees and charges for the purpose of protecting forest trees, timber and other forest products from attack by pests.	Forestry Act (NI) 2010 S14
60.	Felling - remuneration of persons appointed to determine an appeal.	Forestry Act (NI) 2010 S26
61.	Felling - application to Crown land - determination of the appropriate authority.	Forestry Act (NI) 2010 S29
62.	Declaration of land as forest park/recreation area.	Forestry Act (NI) 1953 (as amended by The Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 1977)