



EFA layer

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D.3 Implementation support, monitoring, IACS and LPIS



disclaimer

This working document has been prepared by DG AGRI staff in order to facilitate the discussion with the MS representatives in the Direct Payment Committee and LPIS workshop. This document is under technical and legal review and needs to be completed.





State of play

- Discussion in LPIS Workshop on 22 - 24 April 2014
- Discussion on first draft guidance on 9 July 2014
- Field cases / Member States comments
- Today -> discussion on draft guidance Rev1

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OUTLINE

- Summary of the guideline in general
- Emphasize/explain the changes compared to the previous version
- Stress certain specific topics

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Purpose of the EFA-layer

- Supporting beneficiaries to declare EFA correctly
- Performing administrative cross-checks between the EFA declared and the EFA layer



The EFA-layer : principles

The EFA-layer concerns

- The identification and registration of all potential EFAs, which are stable in time and/or expected to remain for at least 3 years;
- The land (location, size, type etc..) and NOT who owns it/rents it or has the land at his disposal.





The EFA-layer : principles

All potential types of EFAs means:

- The types notified to the Commission
- Regardless whether declared or not
- Regardless whether the beneficiary is exempted or not

Not seen as potential EFAs:

- Elements/features never at the disposal of a beneficiary
- Landscape features located on (completely surrounded by) permanent grassland or permanent crops



The EFA-layer : principles

Which are stable in time and/or expected to remain for at least 3 years

- If there is a strong assumption that such elements will be in place for at least 3 years
-> include them from the beginning;
- If they are declared for the 3rd year in a row
-> include them before the payment of the 3rd year.
 - Only if it concerns a part of a reference parcel
 - And, if it is located exactly at the same place



The EFA-layer : principles



Minimum or maximum size

- Landscape features protected under cross-compliance -> the dimension under cross-compliance
- Dimensions set out in Art. 45 of R639/2014
- Gaps, widths
 - > Ignore 1 meter gap in hedges/wooded strips

Adjacent

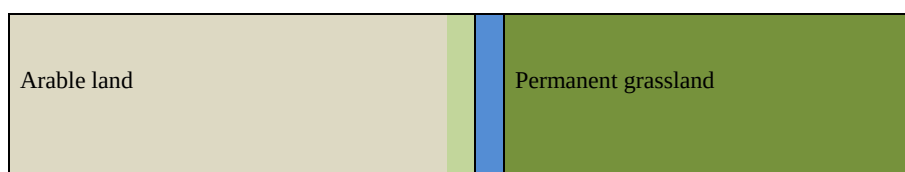
The general principle:

- Along arable parcels only one element/feature is considered to be adjacent
 - Non-linear features should be in physical contact with the arable parcel
 - For linear features, the longest edge should be in physical contact with the parcel
- Eligible features on arable land do not prevent the first non-eligible feature to be adjacent

Adjacent

- Removed a mistake in the document

Example (adjacent to adjacent)





Collective implementation of EFA

Contiguous in the scope of common EFA

- At least two different types need to be in physical contact with each other
- It is possible to define more than one common EFA in one collective implementation



Representation of EFAs

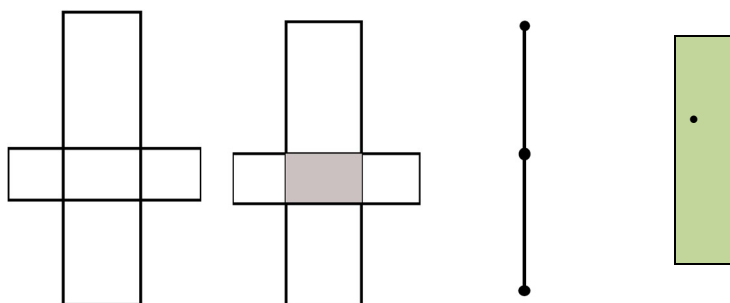
- Using the converted area -> No polygons (just lines or points)
 - New lines -> use as few points as needed
 - Existing lines -> copying is recommended
- Using the established area (based on orthoimagery) -> by polygons

-> JRC will do a presentation on digitizing

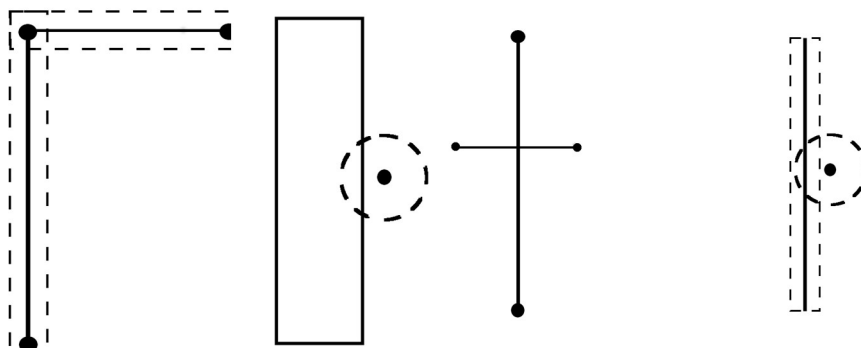


Overlaps

Overlap is not allowed (Art. 45(11) of R639/2014)



Not seen as overlaps or crossings





Update (maintenance) of the EFA-layer

- Link with LPIS-update
- Permanent grassland or permanent crops -> arable land
- Non-declared EFAs

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Completeness of the EFA-layer

In order to avoid the increase of the control rate:

2015 – 2017 : The EFA-layer should contain at least all the EFAs declared before payment.

- Identified
- Cross-checks should be done

As from 2018 : The EFA-layer should be complete

- Newly created EFAs
- EFAs which comply with the three years principle should be included before the following application period

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