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Growth and Sustainability Loan Scheme

Green Farmer – Green Eco Label Eligibility Criteria (Use Case Document)

1. Definition of Green Eco Label

Introduction:

To be considered a Green Eco Label holder under the Growth and Sustainability Loan Scheme, the Borrower must have a specific designation from a pre-defined list and the purpose of the Borrower Transaction is to maintain or further develop the activity of the Borrower.

How is Eligibility Confirmed?

The assessment of the Borrower Transaction eligibility is based on:

- ✓ Borrower's participation and specific designation from a pre-defined list (see section on Who is Eligible)

When should the assessment be made?

- ✓ Borrower will be required to enter the farms associated herd number at the time of the eligibility application on the SBCI Hub, which is then used to assess the status of the applicant's specific designation.
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WHO is eligible:

Borrowers must have one of the following designations:

A. Climate Change Mitigation

Borrowers shall meet all the below criteria (a+b+c):

- a) be a member/participant to Origin Green and ACRES schemes as followed; and
 - i. Origin Green Beef/Sheep/Dairy Quality Assurance Scheme + ACRES General Scheme (Tier 1 and Tier 2 only)
 - or
 - ii. Origin Green Beef/Sheep/Dairy Quality Assurance Scheme + ACRES Co-operation Scheme
- b) conduct GHG calculations as part of the Green Farmer Carbon report; and
- c) make declaration to reduce emissions.

B. Environment and biodiversity

Borrower shall be a farm holding certified under the EU standard (EU) 2018/848 for Organic;

And the purpose of the Borrower Transaction is to maintain or further develop the related activity of the Borrower.

Once membership is confirmed, the final beneficiary receives an eligibility code to apply to a lender.

Useful Definitions:

What is a herd number?

- ✓ A herd number is a unique identifier issued to Irish farmers by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

What is ACRES?

- ✓ The Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES) is a Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine scheme to address biodiversity decline.

What is an Organic Farmer?

- ✓ A farmer involved in dairy farming, livestock production, the cultivation of fodder and tillage crops and the growing of horticulture crops in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/848 OF THE European Parliament and the Council.

What is an OCB?

- ✓ An Organic Certification Body (OCB) is a private inspection body regulated and approved by the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine to inspect and certify organic farmers.

What is Origin Green?

- ✓ Origin Green is Irelands food and drink sustainability programme, administered by Bord Bia, an agency under the remit of the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine.