

NATIONAL RESERVE : GUIDANCE UPDATE

1. **Consolidation** - [the attached document](#) gives information and guidance on consolidation.
2. **Determining the appropriate category in cases of multiple applications** – [This document](#) deals with producers in a *special situation* that are successful on different grounds for an award from the National Reserve or from the National Reserve and another category from the group that deals with changes to reference amounts.
3. All Dairy farmers and Hardship cases should be processed on paper and copies of all documentation sent to the National Reserve team in J1 Spur, Saughton House for final approval before the cases are approved/rejected on screen.
4. All Alternative Investment applications should be processed on paper and copies of all documentation sent to the National Reserve team in J1 Spur, Saughton House for final approval before the cases are approved/rejected on screen. If applicants to the Investments category have **not** specifically requested to be treated as 'Alternative Approach' cases they should not be treated as alternative cases.

There has been an agreement that both Dairy Farmers and Hardship cases, and Alternative Investment cases will be considered at Member State level. The meeting to discuss these cases will not be held until after 15 May 2005.

5. Any queries regarding this bulletin should be directed to me in J1 Spur, Saughton House (☎ 0131 244 3416) or [REDACTED] (☎ 0131 244 3407).

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