

## 2026 Payment Reduction Matrix for Negligent Breaches

Intent	Extent	Severity	Permanence	Reduction
Negligence	On-farm effect	Very low	Rectifiable	WL*
			Permanent	1%
		Low	Rectifiable	
			Permanent	3%
		Medium	Rectifiable	
			Permanent	5%
		High	Rectifiable	
			Permanent	
	Off-farm effect	Very low	Rectifiable	WL*
			Permanent	1%
		Low	Rectifiable	3%
			Permanent	
		Medium	Rectifiable	
			Permanent	
		High	Rectifiable	5%
			Permanent	

\* WL = Warning letter. If the breach is not remedied a reduction of at least 1% will be applied.

An explanation of how reductions for reoccurring (repeat) Negligent breaches are calculated is set out on the next page.

### **Repeat Negligent Breaches - Reoccurrence**

Reoccurrence is where the same requirement is breached within a consecutive period of 3 calendar years.

The penalty for a first time Negligent Reoccurrence is calculated by determining the penalty from the matrix and multiplying it by 3.

The penalty for a second or subsequent Negligent Reoccurrence is calculated by multiplying the penalty for the previous breach by 3.

The penalty for a Reoccurrence is added to the penalty for any other Reoccurrence or first time Negligent breaches and capped at 15%. When the 15% cap is reached any further Reoccurrences are regarded as if they were the result of an Intentional act.