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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2006 No. 488**

**Phosphorus (Use in Agriculture)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006**

**PART 2**

**MEASURES RELATING TO THE LAND APPLICATION OF FERTILISERS**

**Measures governing limits on the land application of chemical fertiliser**

2.—(1) Chemical fertiliser shall not be applied to land unless the controller of a holding can demonstrate in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 that the amount is not in excess of crop requirement taking into consideration soil fertility status, the recommended phosphorus index of the soil for the crop and the supply of phosphorus available from the application of organic manures.

(2) For the purposes of 2(1) the available phosphorus content of livestock manures is as defined in Schedule 2 Table 1.

(3) The available phosphorous content per tonne of other organic manures, excluding livestock manure, shall be equivalent to the total phosphorous content per tonne of those manures as declared in accordance with the Waste Management Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(1)

**Duty of the controller to prevent water pollution**

3. Subject to regulation 2, the controller of a holding shall not knowingly or otherwise cause directly or indirectly the entry of chemical fertiliser into any waterway or water contained in any underground strata.

**Requirements as to the manner of land application of chemical fertiliser**

4.—(1) Chemical fertiliser shall be applied to land in an accurate and uniform manner and in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) The land application of chemical fertiliser shall not be permitted when: -

- (a) the soil is waterlogged; or
- (b) the land is flooded or likely to flood; or
- (c) the land is snow-covered; or
- (d) the soil has been frozen for 12 hours or longer in the preceding 24 hours; or
- (e) heavy rain is forecast within 48 hours; or
- (f) the land is steeply sloping land where, taking into account factors such as proximity to waterways, soil condition, ground cover and rainfall there is a significant risk of causing water pollution.

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(3) Chemical fertiliser shall not be applied to any land in a location or manner which would make it likely that chemical fertiliser will directly enter a waterway or water contained in any underground strata.

(4) The land application of chemical fertiliser shall not be permitted within 1.5 metres of any waterway.