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**Phosphorus (Use in Agriculture)
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PART 2

MEASURES RELATING TO THE LAND APPLICATION OF FERTILISERS

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.

(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.