

SCHEDULE 5

Regulation 2(1)

USUAL GOOD FARM PRACTICES

PART I

ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

Water pollution

1. Control of Pollution Act 1974 (c. 40).
2. Control of Pollution (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil (Scotland) Regulations 1991 (S.I.1991/346).
3. The Groundwater Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998/2746 as amended by the Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (S.S.I. 2000/323)).

Air pollution

4. Clean Air Act 1993 (c. 11).
5. Hill Farming Act 1946 (c. 73).

Fertilisers and Pesticides

6. The Action Programme for Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998/2927).
7. Part III of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 (c. 48) and Control of Pesticides Regulations 1986, (S.I. 1986/1510) as amended by the Food Safety Act 1990 (Consequential Modifications (No 2) (Great Britain) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/2487)), the Marketing Authorisations for Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/3142) and the Control of Pesticides (Amendment) Regulations 1997 (S.I. 1997/199).
8. Plant Protection Products Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/887 amended by the Plant Protection Products (Amendment) Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/1940), the Plant Protection Products (Amendment) Regulations 1997 (S.I. 1997/7), the Plant Protection Products (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1997 (S.I. 1997/2499) and the Plant Protection Products (Amendment) Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998/32760) and the Plant Protection Products (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I. 1999/1228).

Designated sites

9. Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 (c. 46).
10. Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (c. 69).
11. The Conservation (Natural Habitats etc.) Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/2716 as amended by S.I. 1997/3055).
12. Ancient Monuments (Class Consents) (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/1507).

Forestry Management

13. Forestry Act 1967 (c. 10).

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PART II

VERIFIABLE STANDARDS

1. An authorised person is empowered to examine records held as evidence that notification has been given to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency prior to using a new silage or slurry storage facility.
2. An authorised person is empowered to examine records held as evidence that prior approval to the disposal of sheep dip on a holding has been obtained from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.
3. Trimming of hedgerows must not be carried out between 1st March and 31st July.
4. Removal or destruction of any hedges, stone walls or other boundary features shall not be allowed except with the prior written agreement of the Scottish Ministers.
5. An authorised person is empowered to examine records held as evidence that prior approval to any operations on a holding which are likely to damage Sites of Special Scientific Interests designated pursuant to section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(1) has been notified to Scottish Natural Heritage.
6. Livestock shall be managed in such a way as to avoid overgrazing. Where the Scottish Ministers form the opinion that land was being overgrazed, a management regime including a maximum) and, where appropriate, a minimum) stocking rate to be observed on that site will be prescribed. Overgrazing is defined as grazing land with livestock in such numbers as to adversely affect the growth, quality or species composition of vegetation (other than vegetation normally grazed to destruction) on that land to a significant degree.
7. Unsuitable supplementary feeding methods shall be avoided.
8. Undergrazing shall be avoided. “Undergrazing” has the meaning of not using land fully or scrub or coarse becoming evident, where it is detrimental to the environmental interest of the site.

(1) 1981 (c. 69)