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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2008 No. 298**

**The Action Programme for Nitrate Vulnerable  
Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2008**

**PART 2**

**[<sup>F1</sup>Conditions of a derogation from the annual farm limit of nitrogen in livestock manure**

**14B.** A derogation shall be subject to the following conditions—

- (a) total nitrogen inputs shall not exceed the foreseeable nutrient demand of the considered crop, taking into account the supply from the soil;
- (b) livestock manure shall not be spread in the autumn before grass cultivation;
- (c) grass on sandy soils, if ploughed, shall only be ploughed in spring;
- (d) ploughed grass on all soil types shall be followed immediately by a crop with high nitrogen demand;
- (e) crop rotation shall not include leguminous or other plants fixing atmospheric nitrogen, other than clover in grassland with less than 50% clover or leguminous plants under-sown with grass;
- (f) nitrogen and phosphate soil sampling and analysis shall be carried out at least once every four years for, as a minimum, every five hectares of the farm that, having regard to crop rotation and soil characteristics, can reasonably be considered homogeneous; and
- (g) fertilisation accounts for each calendar year for which a derogation is granted shall be prepared and submitted to the Scottish Ministers by 30<sup>th</sup> April of the following year.]

**F1** Regs. 14A, 14B inserted (24.1.2010) by [The Action Programme for Nitrate Vulnerable Zones \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2009 \(S.S.I. 2009/447\)](#), regs. 1, **6(1)**

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Action Programme for Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2008, Section 14B.