
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1989 No. 1263

The Sludge (Use in Agriculture) Regulations 1989

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“agriculture” means the growing of all types of commercial food crops, including for stock-rearing purposes, and cognate words shall be construed accordingly;

“agricultural unit” means an area of agricultural land used for a single agricultural purpose, not exceeding 5 hectares;

“dedicated site” means an area of agricultural land which on 17th June 1986 was dedicated to the disposal of sludge but on which commercial food crops were being grown exclusively for animal consumption;

“the operative date” means 1st September 1989;

“sludge” means residual sludge from sewage plants treating domestic or urban waste waters and from other sewage plants treating waste waters of a composition similar to domestic and urban waste waters;

“septic tank sludge” means residual sludge from septic tanks and other similar installations for the treatment of sewage;

“sludge producer” means any person who manages a plant at which sludge is produced for disposal;

“the sludge table” means the table set out in Schedule 1;

“the soil table” means the table set out in Schedule 2;

“treated sludge” means sludge or septic tank sludge which has undergone biological, chemical or heat treatment, long-term storage or any other appropriate process so as significantly to reduce its fermentability and the health hazards resulting from its use, and “untreated sludge” shall be construed accordingly; and

“use” means spreading on the soil or any other application on or in the soil, and “used” shall be construed accordingly.

(2) In these Regulations, references to a numbered regulation or Schedule are references to the regulation or Schedule bearing that number in these Regulations.

Commencement Information

II [Reg. 2](#) in force at 1.9.1989, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Sludge (Use in Agriculture) Regulations 1989, Section 2.