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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**AGRICULTURE, ENGLAND  
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**The Nitrate Pollution Prevention Regulations 2015**

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**THE NITRATE POLLUTION PREVENTION REGULATIONS 2015**

**PART 1**

Introductory

1. Citation, commencement and application
2. Interpretation

**PART 2**

Nitrate vulnerable zones

3. Designation
4. Review
5. Recommendations and proposals
6. Appeal

**PART 3**

Limiting the application of organic manure

7. Application of livestock manure: total nitrogen limit for the whole holding
8. Spreading organic manure: nitrogen limits per hectare

**PART 4**

Crop requirements

9. Exclusion for crops in greenhouses
10. Planning the spreading of nitrogen fertiliser
11. Additional information to be recorded

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).*

12. Total nitrogen spread on a holding
13. Grass grown for dehydration or for chlorophyll production
14. Calculating the amount of nitrogen available for crop uptake from organic manure

#### PART 5

##### Controlling the spreading of nitrogen fertiliser

15. Risk map
16. Restrictions on spreading nitrogen fertiliser
17. Spreading organic manure near surface water, boreholes, springs or wells
18. Restrictions on spreading slurry
19. Incorporating organic manure into the ground
20. Closed periods for organic manure
21. Exemption for organic holdings
22. Closed period for manufactured nitrogen fertiliser

#### PART 6

##### Storage of organic manure

23. Storage of organic manure
24. Separation of slurry
25. Storage capacity

#### PART 7

##### Calculations and records

26. Annual records relating to storage
27. Record of nitrogen produced by animals on the holding
28. Livestock manure brought on to or sent off the holding
29. Sampling and analysis
30. Records of crops sown
31. Records of spreading nitrogen fertiliser
32. Subsequent records
33. FACTS advice
34. Keeping records up to date
35. Duration of records

#### PART 8

##### Derogation

36. Application
37. Determination of application
38. Appeal

#### PART 9

##### Review

39. Review
40. Regulatory review

## PART 10

### Enforcement

41. Offence and penalty
42. Civil sanctions
43. Enforcement

## PART 11

### Revocations

44. Revocation of consolidated provisions  
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### SCHEDULE 1 — Manure, nitrogen and phosphate produced by livestock

#### SCHEDULE 2 — Calculating nitrogen in manure

##### PART 1 — Standard Table

##### PART 2 — Sampling and analysis

1. Slurry and other liquid and semi-liquid organic manure
2. Solid manures

#### SCHEDULE 3 — The derogation conditions

1. Introductory
2. Limit on application of livestock manure
3. Planning the spreading of phosphate fertiliser
4. Other requirements for fertilisation plans
5. Soil sampling and analysis
6. Additional information to be recorded during the year
7. Risk maps
8. Maintaining holding as grassland
9. Closed period for ploughing grass
10. Sowing crops following grass
11. Crop rotation
12. Recording the size of the holding
13. Records relating to storage of manure during storage period
14. Record of nitrogen and phosphate produced by animals
15. Livestock manure intended to be brought on to or sent off the holding
16. Records of crops sown
17. Records of spreading phosphate fertiliser
18. Recording the date of ploughing
19. Fertilisation accounts

Explanatory Note