STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Nitrate Pollution Prevention Regulations 2015

PART 7

Calculations and records

Records of spreading nitrogen fertiliser

31.—(1) The occupier of a holding who spreads organic manure must, within one week of doing so, record—

(a) the area spread,

(b) the quantity of organic manure spread,

(c) the date,

(d) the method,

(e) the type of organic manure,

(f) the total nitrogen content, and

(g) the amount of nitrogen that was available to the crop.

(2) The occupier of a holding must, within one week of spreading manufactured nitrogen fertiliser, record—

(a) the date of spreading, and

(b) the amount of nitrogen spread.

(3) This regulation does not apply to nitrogen fertiliser spread in a greenhouse.

(4) This regulation does not apply in a case where, in any calendar year—

(a) the requirements under paragraph (5) are met, and

(b) the occupier makes a record demonstrating that they are met.

(5) The requirements under this paragraph are that throughout the year concerned—

(a) at least 80% of the holding's agricultural area is sown with grass,

(b) the total amount of nitrogen in organic manure applied to the holding, whether directly by an animal or spreading, does not exceed 100kg multiplied by the area of the holding in hectares,

(c) the total amount of nitrogen from manufactured nitrogen fertiliser applied to the holding does not exceed 90kg multiplied by the area of the holding in hectares, and

(d) the occupier does not bring organic manure on to the holding.

(6) For the purposes of paragraph (5)—

(a) the area of the holding excludes any land on which the occupier does not spread fertiliser or work the soil, and

(b) the total amount of nitrogen in organic manure is to be calculated by reference to the methods described in regulation 14.