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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural  
Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021

PART 4

Controlling the spreading of nitrogen fertiliser

**Spreading organic manure near surface water, boreholes, springs or wells**

**14.**—(1) No person may spread organic manure within 10 metres of surface water unless using precision spreading equipment in which case no person may spread organic manure within 6 metres of surface water.

(2) But livestock manure (other than slurry and poultry manure) may be spread there if—

(a) it is spread on land managed for breeding wader birds or as a species-rich semi-natural grassland and the land is—

(i) notified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981<sup>(1)</sup>, or

(ii) subject to an agri-environment commitment entered into under Council Regulation (EC) 1698/2005<sup>(2)</sup>, or Regulation (EU) 1305/2013<sup>(3)</sup>,

(b) it is spread between 1 June and 31 October inclusive,

(c) it is not spread directly on to surface water, and

(d) the total annual amount does not exceed 12.5 tonnes per hectare.

(3) No person may spread organic manure within 50 metres of a borehole, spring or well.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation, “precision spreading equipment” is defined as a trailing shoe, dribble bar or injector system.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 1981 c. 69.

<sup>(2)</sup> EUR 1698/2005.

<sup>(3)</sup> EUR 1305/2013, as amended by S.I. 2019/748 and 764.