

NVZ Grassland Derogation - Important Reminder

Deadline for submission of Fertilisation Accounts is 30th April

If you successfully applied for a grassland derogation, allowing you to farm up to a higher limit of 250kg of manure N per hectare per year from grazing livestock on your farm in 2010, you are required to submit field and farm information known as a 'fertilisation account'.

You MUST submit your 'fertiliser account' to the Environment Agency by 30th April 2011. Failure to do so may lead to the withdrawal of your derogation.

What information do I need to submit?

You must submit records for the period 1st January - 31st December 2010 that show:

- the total agricultural area of the derogated holding and the area (hectares) covered by each of the following crops: winter wheat, spring wheat, winter barley, spring barley, winter oilseed rape, sugar beet, potatoes, forage maize, grass, and any other crops;
- the number and category of livestock kept on your farm and the amount of nitrogen and phosphate in the manure they produce. These categories are given in Defra's Guidance Leaflet 5a, Annex 3, Tables 2 and 5, together with standard values for manure N and P;
- the amount and type of livestock manure imported to or exported from your farm, together with the total amount of nitrogen and phosphate in that manure;
- the weight (tonnes) and nitrogen content of all manufactured nitrogen fertiliser stocks kept on, imported to or exported from your farm.

What format does the information need to be in?

No specific format is required. Photocopies of existing records showing this information are acceptable. Example tables for recording some of this information can be found in Defra's Guidance Leaflet 5a, Annex 2,3,5 and 6.

Where should I send my 'fertilisation account' information?

By post to: Regulation Awareness Team, National Customer Contact Centre,
The Environment Agency, Quadrant 2, Parkway Business Park, Sheffield S9 4WF.

By email to: regaware@environment-agency.gov.uk