

2010 NITRATES DEROGATION APPLICATION FORM HELPSHEET

THIS DOCUMENT SHOULD BE READ PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE NITRATES DEROGATION APPLICATION FORM

SECTION A

Your name, address, herd number and contact information must be fully completed in BLOCK CAPITALS. REPS number, if applicable, to be entered. If you are farming jointly, all names must be entered in this section.

SECTION B

Q.1 Type of livestock on your holding:

Please state type of livestock enterprise(s) on your holding. Animal numbers are not needed on the application form, just the category of livestock, i.e. cattle, sheep, pig or poultry enterprises, other.

- Q.2 I NET AREA OF HOLDING (HA): State the net area in hectares of your holding including grassland and tillage.
II NET GRASSLAND AREA OF HOLDING (HA): State the net area in hectares of grassland only (you must be farming a holding that is at least 80% grass).
III STORAGE PERIOD: The storage period applicable to your holding depends on the zone in which it is located: i.e. A, B,C or C* as shown on page 4 of the *Explanatory Handbook for Good Agricultural Practice Regulations*. Where a holding lies partly in one county and partly in another it must be treated as if it were wholly within the country to which the longer storage period applies.

SECTION C

You should read carefully the terms and conditions contained in the *Nitrates Derogation Terms and Conditions* before signing the declaration/undertaking. By signing this declaration and submitting your application to the Department, you are accepting that you have understood the conditions attached to the granting of a derogation, that you are eligible to obtain a derogation and that you will meet the terms and conditions attaching to the derogation during the current year.

This includes farming in accordance with a Fertiliser Plan and maintaining Fertiliser Accounts. Note that a Fertiliser Plan must be in place on your holding by 1st March of the current year and must be submitted as part of your derogation application on or before Wednesday 31st March 2010, unless you have an approved REPS 4 plan in place. Fertiliser Accounts must be submitted to the Department by 1st March of the following year.

CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM

		Check <input type="checkbox"/>
Section A	Fully completed in BLOCK CAPITALS Where the application is made on behalf of more than one person, all names to be entered	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section B	Q1 - Type of Livestock (e.g. cattle) Q2 - (i) (ii) (iii) fully completed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section C	Application form signed and dated. Remember , where the application is made on behalf of more than one person, all parties must sign the application form.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fertiliser Plan	Fertiliser plan for 2010 included with your application form	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you are unsure of any of these points, the Department recommends that you seek professional advice from your agricultural advisor or planner. A list of advisors approved by the Department for the Farm Advisory Service (FAS) can be found on the Department's website (see website address below and search for "FAS"). Soil sampling is an integral part of the derogation.

Information and documentation relevant to Nitrates can be found on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food website at www.agriculture.gov.ie. Further information for completing the application form can be obtained from: Nitrates Section, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, Johnstown Castle Estate, Wexford. Tel 053 9163444, email nitrates@agriculture.gov.ie.

Please refer to the checklist above. Your application will be rejected if any of the information is omitted from your application form. Your Fertiliser Plan should also accompany your 2010 derogation application form, except where there is an approved REPS 4 plan in place.