

HELPSHEET – Completing the Derogation application Form

SECTION A

Your name, address, herd number, and contact information. This must be fully completed in BLOCK CAPITALS.

Also please enter your REPS number in the box provided.

SECTION B

Q.1 TYPE OF LIVESTOCK ON YOUR HOLDING

Please state the 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.

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 and 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 county 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 Fertiliser Accounts must be submitted to the Department by 1st March of the following year.**

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 (site address below and search for "FAS").

Information and documentation relevant to Nitrates can be found on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food website at www.agriculture.gov.ie