STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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AGRICULTURE, ENGLAND WATER, ENGLAND

The Nitrate Pollution Prevention (Designation and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2013 (revoked)^{F1}

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Textual Amendments

F1 Regulations revoked (1.5.2015) by The Nitrate Pollution Prevention Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/668), regs. 1(2), 44(f)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend certain provisions of the Nitrate Pollution Prevention Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/2349) ("the 2008 Regulations") which relate to the measures required in the nitrate vulnerable zones in England. They also give statutory effect to the revised designations of nitrate vulnerable zones in England made by the Secretary of State on 1st October 2013. The 2008 Regulations implement in England Council Directive 91/676/EEC concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources (OJ No L375, 31.12.1991, p.1) ("the Nitrates Directive").

Regulation 3 provides for revised designations of areas of land in England identified as nitrate vulnerable zones for the purposes of the Nitrates Directive.

Regulation 4 obliges the Environment Agency to refuse an application for a grassland derogation under regulation 13A where the applicant has been found in breach of derogation conditions set out in Schedule 4, and where no further possibility of successful appeal against conviction, or against an enforcement notice or penalty under article 10 of the Environmental Civil Sanctions (England) Order 2010, is available.

Regulations 5 and 6 make minor amendments to the 2008 Regulations. The first is in respect of the calculation of total nitrogen spread for horticultural crops, which may be grouped together for purposes of the relevant calculations. The second concerns the equipment which may be used to spread nitrogen fertiliser. Regulation 7 makes minor corrections to Table 1 of Schedule 1 to the 2008 Regulations, and clarifies the requirements for fertiliser plans relating to both phosphate and nitrate fertilisers in Schedule 4 which must be met by farmers benefiting from a derogation pursuant to regulation 13A.

No impact assessment has been carried out in respect of these Regulations as no impact on business or the voluntary sector foreseen.

Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Nitrate Pollution Prevention (Designation and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2013 (revoked).