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PART 4

Storage requirements

Manner of storage of farmyard manure and location of storage facilities

20.—(1) Prior to land application, farmyard manure shall only be stored on a holding—

- (a) in a midden which shall have adequate effluent collection facilities; or
- (b) subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), in the field where land application will take place.

(2) Where stored in a field, farmyard manure shall be stored in a compact heap and such heaps shall not be placed in the same location of the field in consecutive years or within—

- (a) 50 metres of lakes;
- (b) 20 metres of any waterway, including open areas of water, open field drains or any drain which has been backfilled to the surface with permeable material such as stone or aggregate;
- (c) 50 metres around a borehole, spring or well;
- (d) 250 metres from any borehole used for a public water supply; or
- (e) 50 metres of exposed, cavernous or karstified, limestone features (such as swallow holes and collapse features).

(3) Where stored in a field, land applications of the farmyard manure shall take place with 120 days from placement in that field, and the farmyard manure heap shall not be placed where—

- (a) the soil is waterlogged; or
- (b) the land is flooded or likely to flood.