
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable
Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2014**

Citation, commencement, extent and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2014 and come into force on 2nd February 2015.

(2) These Regulations extend to Scotland only.

(3) Any reference in these Regulations to a numbered Article is to the Article so numbered in Council [Directive 91/676/EEC](#) concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources⁽¹⁾.

Nitrate Vulnerable Zones

2.—(1) The areas of land shown delineated in blue on the deposited maps (being areas of land in Scotland which drain into and contribute to pollution of the waters which the Scottish Ministers have identified, in accordance with Article 3(1), as waters affected by pollution and waters which could be affected by pollution if action pursuant to Article 5 were not taken) are designated as nitrate vulnerable zones in accordance with Article 3(4).

(2) In paragraph (1), “the deposited maps” means the maps numbered 1 to 4, each of which is marked “This map identifies an area of Scotland designated as a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone for the purposes of the Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2014” and signed as relative to these Regulations.

Publication of maps

3. The Scottish Ministers must make at least one copy of each of the maps referred to in regulation 2 available for public inspection at the offices of the Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ.

Consequential amendments

4.—(1) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation) of the Protection of Water Against Agricultural Nitrate Pollution (Scotland) Regulations 1996⁽²⁾, for the definition of “nitrate vulnerable zone” substitute—

““nitrate vulnerable zone” means any area of land designated as a nitrate vulnerable zone by regulation 2 of the Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2014;”.

(2) In Schedule 1 to the Rural Development Contracts (Rural Priorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2008⁽³⁾, for the definition of “nitrate vulnerable zone” substitute—

(1) OJ L 375, 31.12.1991, p.1, as amended by Regulation (EC) 1882/2003 (OJ L 284, 31.10.2003, p.1) and Regulation (EC) 1137/2008 (OJ L 311, 21.11.2008, p.1).
(2) S.I. 1996/1564, as relevantly amended by S.S.I. 2000/96 and S.S.I. 2002/276.
(3) S.S.I. 2008/100, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

““nitrate vulnerable zone” means any area of land designated as a nitrate vulnerable zone by regulation 2 of the Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2014;”.

(3) In Schedule 1 to the Rural Development Contracts (Land Managers Options) (Scotland) Regulations 2008(4), for the definition of “nitrate vulnerable zone” substitute—

““nitrate vulnerable zone” means any area of land designated as a nitrate vulnerable zone by regulation 2 of the Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2014;”.

(4) In regulation 3(1) (interpretation) of the Action Programme for Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2008(5), for the definition of “nitrate vulnerable zone” substitute—

““nitrate vulnerable zone” means any area of land designated as a nitrate vulnerable zone by regulation 2 of the Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2014;”.

(5) In Part 2 of Schedule 4 to the Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011(6), omit the entries for the Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2002(7) and the Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2002(8).

Revocation and minor amendments

5.—(1) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation) of the Protection of Water Against Agricultural Nitrate Pollution (Scotland) Regulations 1996, omit the definition of “deposited map”.

(2) The Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2000(9) are amended as follows—

- (a) in regulation 2(a)(i) (amendment of the Protection of Water Against Agricultural Nitrate Pollution (Scotland) Regulations 1996), omit the definition of “deposited map”; and
- (b) revoke regulation 3 (designation of Ythan Nitrate Vulnerable Zone).

(3) The Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2002 are amended as follows—

- (a) in regulation 2(1) (interpretation), omit the definitions of “deposited map” and “nitrate vulnerable zone”; and
- (b) revoke regulation 3 (nitrate vulnerable zones), regulation 4 (publication of maps) and regulation 6(2)(c) (amendment of the 1996 Regulations).

(4) The Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 are revoked.

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Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

(4) S.S.I. 2008/159, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
 (5) S.S.I. 2008/298, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
 (6) S.S.I. 2011/209, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
 (7) S.S.I. 2002/276, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
 (8) S.S.I. 2002/546.
 (9) S.S.I. 2000/96.