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2018 Cross Compliance

Nitrates Records Template

As part of your 2018 cross compliance inspection, you are now required to submit your completed nitrates record template and furnish supporting documentation (e.g. fertiliser docket) for 2018.

The checklist overleaf details the type of records which may be applicable to your holding. Please complete this checklist in full, and enclose any supporting documentation (e.g. fertiliser docket) where applicable. This completed and signed Nitrates Record template, together with applicable supporting documentation, should be received **no later than the 31st of March 2019**, at following address:

*Nitrates Records,
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine,
Government Buildings,
Old Abbeyleix Road,
Portlaoise,
Co. Laois.
R32 RPA6*

Failure to submit this completed Nitrates Record template and supporting documentation on time may put at risk some or all of your payments from the Department. It is recommended that these records are submitted by Express post or Registered post. Please note that the only acceptable proof of postage will be an *Express Post receipt* or a *Registered Post receipt*. A Certificate of Posting, obtained from the Post Office, will not be accepted as proof of postage.

The Explanatory Handbook for the Nitrates Regulations¹ contains sample records. These handbooks are available on the Department website or from the Departments Regional Offices. The Department already has cropping regime information from your Basic Payment Scheme application form but you should maintain a record of cropping areas for your own use.

Your records should be maintained for five years.

More information about the Nitrates Regulations is available on the Department of Agriculture website, www.agriculture.gov.ie, under the heading Rural Environment>Nitrates². Also on the same website, there is also a list of agricultural consultants and advisors who have been trained under the Farm Advisory System (FAS) in cross compliance by the Department. This information can be found under the heading Rural Environment>Cross Compliance³

¹ European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2017

² <https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/ruralenvironmentandsustainability/environmentalobligations/nitrates/>

³ <https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/farmerschemespayments/farmadvisorysystem/>

Checklist of records required before the 31st of March 2019

Section 1: Farm partnership		Tick as appropriate
Was/ is your herd part of a registered farm partnership in 2018 ?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes
If you answered YES to the above, a separate 2018 cross compliance nitrates record template must be prepared and submitted for the other partner herd(s).		<input type="checkbox"/> no

Section 2: Animal number records for 2017		
Animal category	Description	Tick as appropriate
Bovine numbers	You are not required to submit bovine animal numbers. The Department maintain a record of your bovine animal numbers on their system databases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Sheep numbers 2017	Complete Table A (pg.6) by detailing the numbers and type of sheep (lowland ewes and lambs, Mt. ewes and lambs, rams) you had on the holding for the first day of each quarter in 2017 .	<input type="checkbox"/> completed <input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Other grazing livestock 2017	Complete Table A (pg.6) by detailing the number of other grazing livestock (e.g. horses, deer) on the holding for the first day of each quarter in 2017 .	<input type="checkbox"/> completed <input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Pig numbers 2017	Complete Table A (pg.6) by detailing the number of occupied pig places on the holding for the first day of each quarter in 2017 .	<input type="checkbox"/> completed <input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Poultry numbers 2017	Complete Table A (pg.6) by detailing the number of occupied poultry places on the holding for the first day of each quarter in 2017 .	<input type="checkbox"/> completed <input type="checkbox"/> n/a

Section 3: Nitrates Derogation		Tick as appropriate
Farmers who were approved for a Nitrates Derogation for 2018 must separately submit their 2018 Nitrates Derogation Fertiliser Accounts on-line to the Nitrates Section, DAFM, Johnstown Castle, Co. Wexford by 31/03/2019 .		
Have you been approved for a Nitrates Derogation in 2018 ?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes
If you answered NO to this question, proceed to the SECTION 4 checklist.		<input type="checkbox"/> no
If you have answered YES to the above, have you provided the Nitrates Section, DAFM, Johnstown Castle, Co. Wexford with your 2018 Nitrates Derogation Fertiliser Accounts before 31/03/2019 ?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
If you have answered YES to this question, there is no requirement to complete and submit the enclosed NITRATES RECORD 2 (pg. 5) as your 2018 Nitrates Derogation Fertiliser Accounts satisfy this requirement. However, you are requested to <u>provide feed and fertiliser docket</u>s with this Cross Compliance Nitrates Records template where these were not included with your 2018 Nitrates Derogation Fertiliser Accounts (see Farm input records checklist on pg.3)		

Section 4: Farm input records			
Input type	Description	Tick as appropriate	
		Record 2 completed	Dockets enclosed
<i>Chemical fertiliser 2018</i>	Complete the enclosed NITRATES RECORD 2 ⁴ (pg.5) by providing details of 2018 opening fertiliser stocks, records of chemical fertiliser purchases in 2018 , and 2018 closing fertiliser stocks. <u>You must also include fertiliser supplier dockets/end-of-year statements for 2018 where applicable.</u> Note that where no chemical fertilisers were purchased and/ or applied in 2018, you still must complete NITRATES RECORD 2 by submitting a 'nil' return.	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> n/a
<i>Concentrates fed to grazing livestock in 2017</i>	In the space provided at the bottom of NITRATES RECORD 2 ⁴ (pg.5), give the total amount of concentrate (i.e. tonnes of meals, including cereals produced on your holding) fed to grazing livestock in 2017 . Wet feed (e.g. crimped grain, maize & silage) does not have to be included here. <u>You must also include feed supplier dockets/end-of-year statements for 2017 where applicable.</u> Note that where no concentrates were purchased and/ or fed in 2017, you still must complete the bottom of NITRATES RECORD 2 by submitting a 'nil' return.	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> n/a

Section 5: Grassland farmers availing of Phosphorus (P) build-up allowances in 2018	
This measure, introduced under the 2017 Nitrates Regulations, aims to address P deficiency on low P Index soils (P Index 1 and 2 soils only). This action is only applicable to farmers who had a grassland stocking rate greater than 130kg N ha in 2017 . In addition, these farmers must have provided DAFM with a Nutrient Management Plan ⁵ (NMP) prepared by an approved FAS advisor together with valid soil samples. Participation in a dedicated Knowledge Transfer (KT) module before 31/12/18 is/ was also a requirement for this action.	Tick as appropriate
Were you availing of P build-up allowances on the P Index 1 and 2 soils present on your farm in 2018 ?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
If you have answered YES to the above, have you provided DAFM with a NMP ⁵ and valid soils samples, and participated in a dedicated Knowledge Transfer (KT) module before 31/12/18	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

⁴ Except 2018 Nitrates Derogation approved farmers who have submitted their 2018 Nitrates Derogation Fertiliser Accounts (see SECTION 3 checklist). However, supplier dockets are still required from these farmers.

⁵ Derogation approved farmers availing of P build up allowances were required to submit an online NMP to include P build as a standard derogation requirement. Farmers who are not approved for a 2018 Nitrates derogation but qualify for P build up allowances, and wish to avail of the P build up allowances, are required to submit an NMP to DAFM by the 31st of December 2018.

Section 6: Other records which may be applicable to your holding		
Record type	Description	Tick as appropriate
Valid soil samples (other than those required under Section 3 and 5 above)	Soil sample results and areas must be identifiable with either a corresponding LPIS number, or a reference number with accompanying map. Individual soil sample results certified on or before the 31 st December 2017 are valid for 5 years and must not represent an area >8ha. Individual soil sample results certified after this date are valid for 4 years and must not represent an area >5ha. If you don't have a valid soil sample you must assume Phosphorus Index 3 for your farm.	<input type="checkbox"/> enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Nutrient Management Plan	Enclose a Nutrient Management Plan (other than one required under Section 3 and 5 above) if one has been prepared for your farm	<input type="checkbox"/> enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Organic manures applied on P Index 1 and 2 soils	Complete Table B (pg.6) where livestock manure/ slurry (incl. SMC) was applied to P Index 1 & 2 soils in 2018 . Note that valid soil samples will be required with this record.	<input type="checkbox"/> completed <input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Grassland establishment	Complete Table C (pg.6) where grassland establishment was undertaken in 2018 allowing additional P at establishment on P Index 1, 2 and 3 soils. Note that grass seed receipts, though not required to be submitted with these records, may be requested at a later date.	<input type="checkbox"/> completed <input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Exclusive access to storage facilities off holding	If you had the use of livestock manure storage facilities off your holding for the 2017/2018 winter period please submit a copy of the rental agreement/contract for the exclusive use of the store(s).	<input type="checkbox"/> enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> n/a
NITRATES RECORD 3	Record of movement of livestock manures 2018 . In order to gain nitrates credit, this form must be/ have been submitted to Nitrates Section, DAFM, Johnstown Castle, Co. Wexford before 31/12/18 .	Submit form separately if applicable
NITRATES RECORD 4	Temporary movement of animals 2018 . In order to gain nitrates credit, this form must be/ have been submitted to Nitrates Section, DAFM, Johnstown Castle, Co. Wexford before 31/12/18 .	Submit form separately if applicable
NITRATES RECORD 5	Short-term rental grazing agreement 2018 . In order to gain nitrates credit, this form must be/ have been submitted to Nitrates Section, DAFM, Johnstown Castle, Co. Wexford before 31/12/18 .	Submit form separately if applicable

I declare that all information given in this form and in any documentation supplied is, to the best of my knowledge and information, true and accurate. I understand that any false information provided, or failure to submit this completed Cross Compliance Nitrates Record template and supporting documentation on time, may put at risk some or all of my payments from the Department.

Signed: _____ Herd number: _____ Date: _____

NITRATES RECORD 2:**CHEMICAL FERTILISERS COMING ONTO YOUR HOLDING (“IMPORTED”) OR BEING SENT OUT OF IT (“EXPORTED”)**

Date		Type of fertiliser			Quantity (tonnes)	kgs of N	kgs of P
		N % (i)	P % (ii)	K %	(iii)	(i) x (iii) x 10	(ii) x (iii) x 10
Opening stocks							
<i>01/01/2018</i>							
Purchases/moved onto holding	Name/address of supplier						
Sales/moved off holding	Name/address of receiver						
Closing stocks							
<i>31/12/2018</i>							
Total kgs of chemical nitrogen and phosphorus used (opening stock + purchases – sales – closing stock)							

Concentrates fed to grazing livestock (in 2017) _____ tonnes.

Include dockets/end-of-year statements/receipts for feed and fertiliser

Table A: Record of other livestock types and numbers on your holding in 2017

Other Livestock Types (e.g. sheep, horses, pigs, poultry)	1 st Jan '17 Livestock No.	1st April '17 Livestock No.	31st July '17 Livestock No.	31st Dec '17 Livestock No.

Table B: Record of livestock manures applied on P Index 1 & 2 soils/parcels in 2018* (if applicable)

Land parcel ID (LPIS no. or ref no. with maps)	P Index (1 or 2)	Size of P index 1 or 2 application area (Ha)	Livestock Manure Type	Amount of Livestock Manure applied (m ³)

*Relevant soil samples analysis certificates and soil sample area identification must be submitted

Table C: Record of Grassland Establishment on your holding in 2018 (if applicable)

Land Parcel No. (LPIS no. or ref no. with maps)	Area of parcel reseeded (Ha)