

Dear Sir/Madam

## Waste/Materials to Land - The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) ( Wales) Regulations 2021

The Welsh Government have introduced The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021 to reduce losses of pollutants from agriculture to the environment by setting rules for certain farming practices.

The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021 (“regulations”) defines “*organic manures*” as any nitrogen fertilising material derived from plant, animal or human sources including livestock manures. This will include most waste or waste derived materials recovered to land.

The application of organic manures will be directly affected by some requirements within the regulations. In addition, it is likely that the restrictions within the regulations may limit land bank availability. The requirements in the regulations will apply across all the agricultural land in Wales.

The key requirements in the regulations that you need to be aware of are:

From 1 January 2023

- Nitrogen limit from *organic manures* – in any 12 month period the total nitrogen spread on any given hectare must not exceed 250kg/ha.
- Maximum nitrogen limits by crop – total nitrogen applied to crops from manufactured and organic manures. (N max)
- Import and export records of *organic manures* required to be kept by landowner/occupier
- Storage at place of use – specific requirements will apply to temporary field heaps.

From 1 August 2024

- Closed (no spreading) periods apply for high readily available nitrogen (“RAN”) containing *organic manures* - these apply to the whole of Wales.

You are likely to see administrative changes to relevant NRW documents to ensure that where appropriate these refer to the above regulations. The requirements in the regulations apply regardless of these changes.

It is your responsibility to assess the likely impact this may have on your customers e.g contingency for closed periods for High RAN wastes. NRW will be working with other stakeholders and sectors to raise awareness of these regulations.

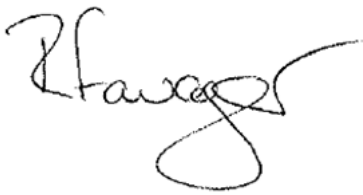
It is recommended that you familiarise yourself with the regulations and relevant guidance at the links below:

[The Water Resources \(Control of Agricultural Pollution\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2021 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

[The Water Resources \(Control of Agricultural Pollution\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2021 Guidance for Farmers and Land Managers \(gov.wales\)](#)

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Yours faithfully

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