

ADDENDUM

Code of Good Agricultural Practice for the Protection of Water Reprinted June 2002

You should note the following amendments which reflect some of the changes in legislation that have taken place since the Code was reissued in 1998.

Section 2

To note regarding **Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control**

The Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 implement the IPPC Directive (96/61/EC). The purpose of the Directive is to prevent or, where that is not practicable, reduce emissions to water, air and land from installations with more than 40,000 places for poultry, 2,000 places for production pigs (over 30 kg), or 750 places for sows. Existing installations will require a permit in 2007, while new installations and those where substantial changes lead to a negative environmental effect will need a permit now. The Environment Agency has developed Standard Farming Installation Rules and Guidance to cover training, raw materials, waste handling and minimisation, animal housing, manure management planning, manure storage and field spreading, energy use, environmental accident prevention, noise and vibration, odour, site decommissioning, and monitoring and reporting. You should consult the Environment Agency for more information.

Paragraph 25 is replaced by:

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 set out the requirements for an environmental assessment of certain major developments for which planning permission is needed. The local planning authority (or, if the matter is referred, the Secretary of State) will decide on the need for an environmental assessment. Further details on planning legislation are given in paragraph 53.

The Environmental Impact Assessment (Uncultivated Land and Semi-Natural Areas) (England) Regulations 2001 seek to protect areas of significant environmental importance when land use change or intensification is proposed. The application of manure, slurry, fertiliser or other products to uncultivated land for the purposes of improving the land could be considered a project requiring an Environmental Impact Assessment. Further details about the need for environmental assessment under these regulations can be obtained from DEFRA's EIA Unit (Tel: 0800 028 2140) or through the website: www.defra.gov.uk/eia.

Section 3

In the shaded box on farm waste management plans on **page 9** the contact point for the guide is now the Land Management Improvement Division of DEFRA (Tel: 020 7238 6262).

Section 7

The first subparagraph of **paragraph 163** is replaced by:

Under legislation controlling the disposal of animal by-products and the sterilisation and staining of unfit meat, it is illegal to spread any untreated abattoir waste onto agricultural land, **except** for blood and contents of intestines that you use as a fertiliser. You must not spread on agricultural land any processed animal waste, in solid form, from rendering plants. Consult the Environment Agency if you intend to spread liquid waste to land. Waste waters from a rendering plant may be spread to land only if they have first been treated in accordance with the Rendering (Fluid Treatment) Order 2001.

Paragraph 164 is replaced by:

Under the Animal By-Products Order 1999, as amended, you must not allow livestock (including wild birds) to have access to animal by-products, or to catering waste which contains meat or originates on premises on which meat and other products of animal origin are handled.

Section 11

The second subparagraph of **paragraph 219** is replaced by:

The Groundwater Regulations 1998 seek to protect water lying below the water table or in aquifers from contamination. You must have a prior written authorisation from the Environment Agency if you want to dispose of used sheep dip onto land. Further advice is contained in the *Groundwater Protection Code: Use and disposal of sheep dip compounds*. The Code will help you to comply with the regulations before, during and after sheep dipping. You should contact the Environment Agency for further information.

Paragraph 228 is replaced by:

You can spread used dip onto land at low application rates but you must have an authorisation from the Environment Agency. The conditions for disposing of used dip to land will be contained in the authorisation. The *Groundwater Protection Code: Use and disposal of sheep dip compounds* provides more detailed advice.

Note: The caution under paragraph 228 is retained.

In **paragraph 230** the last sentence is no longer applicable.

Section 13

Paragraph 271 is replaced by:

There are a number of ways to dispose of animals and poultry that die on the farm. Under normal circumstances, animals should be disposed of by rendering, incineration, or to knackery yards or hunt kennels. Burial and open burning are not normally permitted disposal routes under the Animal By-Products Order 1999, as amended, although they may be permitted in very limited circumstances. Before burying or burning carcasses, you are advised to consult your local authority to ensure compliance with the Order. Whichever route is chosen, the carcasses should be disposed of without delay. Deaths on farm or in transit of all cattle aged over 24 months must be reported to Animal Handling Facilities (AHF) Ltd within 24 hours (freephone 0800 525890). Under DEFRA's arrangements with AHF, carcasses will be collected from farms at no cost to the farmer and tested for BSE.

Paragraph 275 is replaced by:

Under the TSE Regulations 2002, animals containing specified risk material may only be buried on farm if they are whole carcasses or following a veterinary post-mortem inspection.

Paragraph 277 is replaced by:

Cover the carcass with topsoil straightaway, so that dogs and foxes may not get to it. Under the Animal By-Products Order 1999, as amended, carcasses must be buried in such a way that carnivorous animals cannot gain access to them. In addition, it is an offence under the Dogs Act 1906 to leave carcasses unburied where dogs can gain access.

Appendix VII

The following references should be added to the list of legislation:

The Animal By-Products Order 1999, SI 1999 No 646, TSO (ISBN 0 11 082228 5) amended by:

- the Animal By-Products (Amendment)(England) Order 2001, SI 2001 No 1704, TSO (ISBN 0 11 029460 2); and
- the Animal By-Products (Amendment)(Wales) Order 2001, SI 2001 No 1735 (W. 122), TSO (ISBN 0 11 09019 5)

The Environmental Impact Assessment (Uncultivated Land and Semi-Natural Areas) (England) Regulations 2001, SI 2001 No 3966, TSO (ISBN 0 11 039131 4)

The Groundwater Regulations 1998, SI 1998 No 2746, TSO (ISBN 0 11 079799 X)

The Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations 2000
SI 2000 No 1973 TSO (ISBN 0 11 099621 6)

The Rendering (Fluid Treatment)(England) Order 2001, SI 2001 No 1515, TSO
(ISBN 0 11 029581 1)

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999,
SI 1999 No 293, TSO (ISBN 0 11 080474 0)

The TSE (England) Regulations 2002, SI 2002 No 843, TSO (ISBN 0 11 039914 5).

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