

Information sheet

Environmental Protection Regulation 2019

Environmentally relevant activities delegated to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

This information sheet lists the environmentally relevant activities that are delegated to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for administration.

Delegated activities

The following activities are delegated to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries:

1. Environmentally relevant activities including:
 - ERA 2 (intensive animal feedlotting)
 - ERA 3 (pig farming)
 - ERA 4 (poultry farming).
2. Other activities including:
 - Dairy farming—the farming of dairy cattle for the commercial production of milk
 - Livestock holding facilities—all livestock yards (including sale yards, trucking yards, livestock export yards, railway stock yards and dip yards) used for the sale, management, transport and husbandry of livestock
 - Intensive animal feeding—hand or mechanically feeding cattle or sheep in an area in which the existing vegetation would not provide the nutritional requirements of the animals.

Limits of delegation

There are some circumstances in which the responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries are varied. These include:

1. Where an environmentally relevant activity is administered by the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation at the same location. In this situation the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries would assist the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation by providing input into the administration of the activities that would otherwise have been delegated by providing conditions for the development approval and participating in joint inspections, as necessary.
2. Where an environmentally relevant activity devolved to local government is carried out at the same place as an activity delegated to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, that department will administer all the activities for that site.



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