

7.4	<p>The producer must obtain authorisation from the appropriate authority to dispose of used sheep dip on land.</p> <p>The sheep dipping facility must be securely covered in the interest of human and animal safety.</p>	<p>Authorisation is available from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) as required by the Groundwater Regulation. Care must be taken to avoid contamination of watercourses. The proper disposal of sheep dip is an element of COGAP. It is recommended that the person with primary responsibility for sheep dipping should hold a Certificate of Competence in the safe use and disposal of sheep dips (see also code 2.3).</p> <p>Sheep dipping facilities on farm must be fitted with a sufficiently load bearing cover.</p> <p><i>The inspector will ask you to explain your procedures for the handling and disposal of used sheep dip. If land spreading of used sheep dip is practiced, the inspector will ask you to provide confirmation of authority from the NI Environment Agency (NIEA). The inspector will also check sheep dipping facilities to ensure they are adequately covered.</i></p>
7.5	<p>When fertiliser or farm manures are applied to land, this must be done in accordance with current legislation and COGAP, and any applications must be in ways which prevent the pollution of waterways, air, soil, and wildlife habitats.</p>	<p>Farm manures in this context are those which can be applied to land and include slurry, solid manure, silage effluent, dirty water and other organic wastes.</p> <p>It is recommended that all farms prepare and follow an Application Plan for slurry, manure and farm effluents as described in COGAP. More information on the permitted applications of fertilizer and farm manures can be obtained from the DARD publication, Nitrates Action Programme 2011-2014 and Phosphorus Regulations Guidance Booklet.</p> <p><i>The usage of fertilizer will be closely monitored on all NIBL FQAS farms to ensure avoidance of excessive and indiscriminate use in relation to farm stocking density.</i></p>
7.6 Amended	<p>The use of human sewage sludge and waste abattoir material (with the exception of manure) is not permitted on grassland and forage crops. An exception to this general prohibition is when materials such as paunch content and Category 3 blood have been passed through an anaerobic digester and a safe quality digestate has been produced in compliance with the Quality Protocol for digestate.</p>	<p>This is a specific requirement of NIBL FQAS. Sewage sludge and waste abattoir material may be applied to cultivated land. In these cases the spreading of sewage and septic tank sludge on agricultural land is controlled by the Sludge (Use in Agriculture) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 and is enforced by NIEA. This legislation applies only to the application of sewage sludge and septic tank sludge to commercial food crops, including those for stock rearing purposes. Compliance with this legislation is a Cross-Compliance Statutory Management Requirement (SMR 4). More information on the Sludge (Use in Agriculture) Regulations can be obtained from the NIEA Water Management Unit.</p> <p><i>The inspector will ask you to sign a declaration stating that you do not use these materials in the disallowed way. See page 95 for signing.</i></p>

