

ADVICE FOR PIGGERIES: EFFLUENT AND MANURE MANAGEMENT

Key information

All piggery operators must comply with the General Environmental Duty (**GED**) when they are carrying out an activity on the farm if that activity may give rise to a risk of harm to the environment or human health. This includes when you are storing, using and applying manure to your farm.

In addition, *piggeries over the 5000 animal threshold* will require a [B01a permit](#) if you are discharging or depositing waste solely to land.

Farmers importing/exporting manures

Manure is considered to be "industrial waste" under the new legislation. In order to receive industrial waste at your farm, or send it to another place, the new legislation says the waste needs to go to a place that is "authorised to receive the waste". You will automatically be "authorised to receive the waste" if any of the scenarios in the table below apply.

If the below scenarios don't apply to you, then you may need to obtain a permission from the EPA to receive the waste. If you think this is the case – please contact us and we can help you figure that out.

IF YOU ARE RECEIVING	AMOUNT	AUTHORISED TO RECEIVE WASTE IF:
<u>manure for discharge or deposit to land:</u> <i>Manure includes any mixture of manure and biodegradable animal bedding from agricultural sources</i>	less than 20 m3 per month	No further action required – you are automatically authorised to receive the waste.
<u>manure for discharge or deposit to land:</u> <i>Manure includes any mixture of manure and biodegradable animal bedding from agricultural sources</i>	equal to or greater than 20 m3 per month	you comply with EPA Effluent and Manure determination which requires you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inspect each consignment to ensure it only contains manures • only use the manure for the purpose of depositing to land as a soil amendment or for irrigation.
<u>effluent:</u> <i>means livestock faecal matter in liquid form, and wastewater from collection or treatment systems that are ancillary to livestock management.</i>	any amount	you comply with the EPA Effluent and Manure determination – as above
<u>livestock manure and effluent:</u> <i>means any of the following</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • faecal matter generated by livestock; • any mixture of livestock faecal matter and biodegradable animal bedding such as straw or sawdust; • effluent 	any amount	you comply with the EPA Effluent and Manure determination – as above