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Security

of fertiliser storage on farms

Important Notice:

In Northern Ireland it is illegal to import and/or take possession of fertilisers which have more than 79% Ammonium Nitrate unless licenced by the Northern Ireland Office.

Users of Ammonium Nitrate based fertilisers are reminded of the NIHHS (Amendment) Regs (NI) 2003 and the responsibility to notify HSENI if 150 tonnes or more of AN or CAN based fertilisers are being handled or stored which contain over 15.75% Nitrogen by weight.

Most fertilisers in Northern Ireland are based on a form of Ammonium Nitrate called Calcium Ammonium Nitrate which is covered by this leaflet. Pure Ammonium Nitrate fertilisers are not permitted in Northern Ireland.

In addition to the safe storage and handling of fertiliser advice available from your supplier and from the Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC) and the HSENI 'Basic Guidance on the Storage and Handling of Ammonium Nitrate Based Fertilisers' leaflet, farmers should take note of information provided in this leaflet.



- ✗ Do not store fertiliser where there is public access.
- ✗ Do not leave fertiliser in the field overnight.
- ✗ Do not store fertiliser near to, or visible from, the public highway.
- ✗ Do not sell fertiliser unless the purchaser is personally known by you to be a bona-fide farmer user and is aware of the need to follow this guidance.

- ✓ Do record fertiliser deliveries and usage.
- ✓ Do, wherever possible, and with regard to HSENI safety guidance, store fertiliser inside a locked building or compound.
- ✓ Do fully wrap fertiliser when stored outside and regularly check to ensure that the stack has not been tampered with.
- ✓ Do carry out regular stock checks.
- ✓ Do report immediately any stock discrepancy or loss to the police.

This advice has been developed by the Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC), National Farmers' Unions and the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO)