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The Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Charging Scheme Amendment (No 2) 2025

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency in exercise of its powers under:

- section 41 of the Environment Act 1995, and
- regulations 11 and 18(4)(b) of, and Schedule 5 to, the Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011, and

with the approval of the Scottish Ministers, makes the following amendment to the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Charging Scheme 2018.

1 Citation, extent and commencement

This charging scheme amendment shall:

- 1.1 be referred to as the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Charging Scheme Amendment (No 2) 2025;
- 1.2 apply only to Scotland;
- 1.3 come into force on **1 June 2025**; and
- 1.4 remain in force until revoked.

2 Amendment to the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Charging Scheme 2018

2.1 The Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Charging Scheme 2018 is amended in accordance with this paragraph.

2.1.1 In paragraph 2(1) (Interpretation: general)

(a) after the definition of “application charge” insert

“**application of waste to land**” shall be interpreted in accordance with paragraph 3 of schedule 18 of the EA Regulations;

(b) after the definition of “SEPA” insert

“**soil improvement**” has the meaning given in paragraph 2 of schedule 18 of the EA Regulations, and for the purposes of this definition “plant” has the meaning given in paragraph 4 of schedule 18 of the EA Regulations;

2.1.2 In the paragraph 1(1) (Interpretation) of the Schedule

(a) after the definition of “simple licence” insert

“**single agricultural holding**” means an agricultural holding including premises and fields associated with it which is managed as one business as defined for the purposes of the Integrated Administration and Control System;

2.1.3 At the end of Table 1 in the Schedule, insert the following new rows:

| SEPA Reference Number | Key Sector | Sector | Regulatory Sector | Legal Description | Activity Application Charge | Activity (Subsistence) Charge | Environmental Component |
|-----------------------|------------|--------|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 20080 | | | | EA Regulations schedule 18: Application of waste to land for the purpose of soil improvement at a single location. | £874 (Band 8) | £677 | N |
| 20081 | | | | EA Regulations schedule 18: Application of waste to land for the purpose of soil improvement at a single agricultural holding. | £874 (Band 8) | £677 | N |
| 20082 | | | | EA Regulations schedule 18: Application of waste to land for the purpose of soil improvement at no more than three locations where (j) the locations lie within a 10km radius; and (ii) the area of each location is less than or equal to 15 hectares. | £874 (Band 8) | £677 | N |

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| 20083 | | | | EA Regulations schedule 18: Application of waste to land for the purpose of soil improvement at more than a single location, other than as described in row 20081 or 20082, with a landbank of less than or equal to 1500 hectares. | £5,829 (Band 12) | £12,361 | N |
| 20084 | | | | EA Regulation schedule 18: Application of waste to land for the purpose of soil improvement at more than a single location or single agricultural holding with a landbank of more than 1500 hectares. | £5,829 (Band 12) | £21,012 | N |

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