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Consultation on diffuse water pollution from rural land use

- Q. 1 : There is a need for a greater emphasis on the assessment and remediation of diffuse pollution which affects shellfish Harvesting Areas (Directive 91/492) and designated shellfish growing waters (Directive 79/923 and the WFD), in particular FIO from intensive livestock production (cattle) and extensive livestock production (sheep, deer).
- Q. 2 : See above
- Q. 3 : See above
- Q. 4 : More guidance is essential covering both the intensive and extensive grazing of animals and the spreading of manure (organic in particular).
- Q. 5 : Fencing and no spread zones.
- Q. 6 : It's a start, but must be supplemented with SEPA audits.
- Q. 7 : A blend of all three approaches, reflecting locational differences and risk of polluting shellfish waters with FIO.
- Q. 8 : Yes.
- Q. 9 : Yes.
- Q. 10 : Yes.
- Q. 11 : Yes.
- Q. 12 : Yes
- Q. 13 : Yes.
- Q. 14 : In consultation with industry/trade organisation.
- Q. 15 : Discuss further with industry.

Q. 16 : Closer liaison with both the agricultural sector and 'downstream' sectors, such as the shellfish cultivation industry; closer working practices between SEERAD and SEPA.

Q. 17 : Yes.

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