

Transitional periods under the new Controlled Activity Regulations (CAR)

What do you have to do by when?

Activity	Key dates				
		1 yr	2 yr	4 yr	5 yr
	Jan 1 st 2022	Jan 1 st 2023	Jan 1 st 2024	Jan 1 st 2026	Jan 1 st 2027
Exempt status for pre 1991 silage and slurry stores lost					
Silage and slurry stores built <u>before 1991</u> (and not substantially enlarged or reconstructed since 1991) must be fully compliant by 2026					
Silage and slurry stores built <u>after 1991</u> (or that were substantially reconstructed or enlarged on or after 1 st Sept 1991) must make any upgrades to be structurally compliant by 2024					
Silage and slurry stores with planning permission granted prior to 1 st January 2022 but not yet constructed must be fully compliant by 2024					
SEPA must be notified 30 days before work starts on any new, reconstructed, or substantially enlarged silo/slurry/digestate storage facility					
Slurry stores constructed after 1st January 2022 should have capacity to store the total slurry likely to be produced in 26 weeks by housed pigs or 22 weeks by housed cattle (unless located within an NVZ).					
All liquid digestate stores constructed before 1 st January 2022 or where planning permission was granted prior to 1 st January 2022, must meet requirements within the regulations					
All slurry application must be applied using precision equipment					
Liquid digestate must be applied using precision equipment					
Slurry must not be applied using a raised splash plate or rain gun					
Slurry must be applied using precision equipment if applied by a contractor					
Slurry must be applied using precision equipment if applied on farms with more than 100 milking cows, or more than 200 beef cattle livestock units					
Slurry must be applied using precision equipment if applied pig units with more 800 fattening pigs or 800 sows.					

Notes:

- Precision equipment refers to equipment capable of low emissions accurate application techniques including a dribble bar or band spreader, training hose, trailing shoe or direct injection. Low emission slurry spreading systems give more control over application and minimise runoff and emissions.
- For the purpose of these provisions, a beef animal of 2 years and older is 1 unit; animal under 2 years old is 0.5 of a unit; dairy calculation based on number of individual milking cows.