

**Questionnaire according to Commission Decision 94/741/EC for the report of the Member States on the transposition and implementation of Directive 86/278/EEC on the protection of the environment, and in particular of the soil, when sewage sludge is used in agriculture, amended by Directive 91/692/EEC**

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Please specify your contact details and indicate what your question is about: e.g. registration in CIRCA, use of the eDAMIS system, waste concepts.

With kindest regards,  
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**Submission**

The submission is due the 30. September 2016.  
Please send the completed questionnaire to EUROSTAT via eDAMIS.  
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**I. INCORPORATION INTO NATIONAL LAW**

<b>1. (a) Has the Commission been provided with details of the current laws and regulations in force to incorporate the Directive as amended into national law? (Yes/No)</b>	Yes
<b>1. (b) If the answer to (a) above is 'No', please state the reasons why:</b>	

<p><b>2. (a) If national measures have been adopted pursuant to Article 5 to ensure that sewage sludge may not be used in soils with concentrations of one or more heavy metals that exceed the agreed limit values, has the Commission been notified of these measures? (Yes/No)</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>2. (b) If the answer to (a) above is 'No', please state the reasons why:</b></p>	
<p>According to the National Legislation (JMD 80568/4225/1991) (transposition act of the Directive 86/278/EEC into national legislation) in order to use sludge in agriculture the appropriate permit must be granted to the user by the competent Regional Authority. In this permit the required terms and conditions for the use of sludge, as set in the ANNEX II of Directive 86/278/EEC, are laid down. Among others, the maximum quantity of sludge permitted to be used in agriculture, the way of sludge handling, transferring and disposing, the frequency of soil and sludge sample analysis and/or specific prohibitions are set. Moreover before issuing the permit the competent authorities conduct inspections on the place where the sludge shall be disposed.</p>	
<p><b>2. (c) If national measures have been adopted that are stricter than those provided for in the Directive, has the Commission been notified of these measures pursuant to Article 12? (Yes/No)</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>2. (d) If the answer to (c) above is 'No', please state the reasons why:</b></p>	
<p>In regard to the concentration limits as well as the application of maximum quantities of sludge, Greece has adopted the limits as set in ANNEX I of the Directive 86/278/EEC. Moreover in Article 4, JMD 80568/4225/91 (transposing Directive 86/278/EC in National legislation), specific actions have been set and must be followed by the competent authorities in order to avoid cases of excession of the limit values. Especially regarding concentration limit for Chromium (Cr), the following maximum values are used, as set in JMD 114218/97 "Framework of specifications and general programmes of solid waste management",</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit value for Cr (iii) in sludge that is used in agriculture: 500 mg/kg dried matter and Cr (vi) : 10 mg/kg dried matter.</li> <li>• Limit value for Cr which may be added annually to agricultural land, based on a 10-year average, is 5 kg/ hectare /an.</li> </ul>	

## II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DIRECTIVE

<p><b>1. Please quote any specific conditions which have been deemed necessary for the protection of human health and the environment in accordance with the first indent of Article 3 (2), when using sludge residues from septic tanks and other similar installations for the treatment of waste water for agricultural purposes.</b></p>
<p>Up to now sludge residues from septic tanks have not been used in agriculture. Usually they are transported to Waste Water treatment plants, where they are treated as the rest wastewater.</p> <p>In general, from the following data reported, it is concluded that during the period 2013-2015 the amount of sewage sludge used in agriculture remains at the same level. For each case the required permit has been issued, as mentioned in the answer of Question I 2(b).</p>

<p><b>2. (a) With regard to Article 5, please complete the following table, stating whether any of the information given is an estimate:</b></p>
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Metal	Article 5 (1)		Article 5 (2) (a)		Article 5 (2) (b)		Comments and/or reasons for the derogation
	Concentration in soils		Concentration in sludges		Application in agriculture		
	Directive Annex I A	National limit values	Directive Annex I B	National limit values	Directive Annex I C	National limit values	
	mg/kg dry matter	mg/kg dry matter	mg/kg dry matter	mg/kg dry matter	kg/ha/year	kg/ha/year	
Cadmium	1 to 3	3	20 to 40	40	0,15	0,15	
Copper	50 to 140	140	1000 to 1750	1750	12	12	
Nickel	30 to 75	75	300 to 400	400	3	3	
Lead	50 to 300	300	750 to 1200	1200	15	15	
Zinc	150 to 300	300	2500 to 4000	4000	30	30	
Mercury	1 to 1.5	1,5	16 to 25	25	0,1	0,1	
Chromium	—		—		—	5	There is not threshold value for total Cr in sludge. However there are National limits for Cr (iii) which is 500 mg/kg and for Cr (vi) which is 10 mg/kg in sludge.

**2. (b) If the option proposed under Article 5 (2) (a) has been chosen, please indicate the maximum quantity of sludge that may be applied to the soil per surface unit per annum (in tonnes of dry matter per hectare per annum).**

The procedure of Article 5 (2) applies in each case of granting a permit for the use of sludge in agriculture (as mentioned in the answer of Question I 2(b)).

**2. (c) If any less stringent limit values for heavy-metal concentrations in soils have been permitted in accordance with Annex I A, footnote 1, please complete the following table, stating whether any of the information given is an estimate.**

<b>Metal</b>	<b>Number of sites</b>	<b>Surface area covered (ha)</b>	<b>Soil type (including hydrological characteristics)</b>	<b>pH</b>	<b>New limit value (mg/kg dry matter)</b>	<b>Comments and/or reasons for the derogation (use a separate sheet if necessary)</b>
<b>Cadmium</b>						
<b>Copper</b>						
<b>Nickel</b>						
<b>Lead</b>						
<b>Zinc</b>						
<b>Mercury</b>						
<b>Chromium</b>						

2. (d) If any less stringent limit values for heavy-metal concentrations in soils have been permitted in accordance with Annex I A, footnote 2, please complete the following table (the first three columns are not obligatory):

<b>Metal</b>	Number of sites	Maximum quantity of sludge authorized (tonnes dry matter)	Soil type (including hydrological characteristics)	pH	New limit value (mg/kg dry matter)	Comments and/or reasons for the derogation (use a separate sheet if necessary)
<b>Copper</b>						
<b>Nickel</b>						
<b>Zinc</b>						

2. (e) If any less stringent limit values for heavy-metal concentrations in soils have been permitted in accordance with Annex I C, footnote 1, please complete the following table, stating whether any of the information given is an estimate.

<b>Metal</b>	<b>Number of sites</b>	<b>Surface area covered (ha)</b>	<b>Soil type (including hydrological characteristics)</b>	<b>pH</b>	<b>New limit value (mg/kg dry matter)</b>	<b>Comments and/or reasons for the derogation (use a separate sheet if necessary)</b>
<b>Cadmium</b>						
<b>Copper</b>						
<b>Nickel</b>						
<b>Lead</b>						
<b>Zinc</b>						
<b>Mercury</b>						
<b>Chromium</b>						

**3. (a) With regard to Article 6, please briefly describe the technologies employed for treating sludge.**

The main technologies for sludge treatment in order to prepare the waste for further management are: 1) thermal treatment (drying), 2) hygenization by addition of lime, 3) aerobic stabilization, 4) solar drying (in greenhouse).

**3. (b) Have rules been drawn up to ensure that analyses are carried out at more frequent intervals than those provided for in Annex II A (1)? (Yes/No)**

No

**3. (c) If the answer to (b) above is 'Yes', please give further details.**

**3. (d) Have conditions been laid down for authorizing the injection or working into the soil of untreated sludge (Article 6 (a))? (Yes/No)**

No

**3. (e) If the answer to (d) above is 'Yes', please give further details.**

**4. With regard to Article 7, please indicate, where appropriate, the length of the period during which it is forbidden to use sludge on grassland before it is grazed, and on forage crops before harvest.**

**5. (a) Have any reduced limit values or, where appropriate, any other measures, been authorized at national level where the pH of the soil is below 6, as provided for in Article 8? (Yes/No)**

No

**5. (b) If the answer to (a) above is 'Yes' please complete the following table:**

Metal	Cadmium	Copper	Nickel	Lead	Zinc	Mercury	Chromium
Reduced limit value (mg/kg/dry matter)							
Other Measures							

**6. (a) If appropriate, indicate which types of analysis are carried out, pursuant to Article 9, on soil parameters in accordance with Annex II B (1), other than those mentioned in Annex II B (3) (pH and heavy metals).**

There are no other additional types of analyses carried out than the ones laid down in Annex II B (3).

**6. (b) State the minimum frequency of soil analysis (Annex II B (2)).**

As mentioned above in the answer of the Question I 2 (b), such issues are settled during the granting of the permit for sludge use in agriculture, according to the National Legislation (JMD 80568/4225/1991).

**7. On the basis of the data contained in the records referred to in Article 10, complete the following tables, stating whether the information given is an estimate.**

	Dry matter (tonnes/year)			Surface covered (optional)		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
<b>Sludge produced by the waste water treatment plants</b>	113,044	116,109	113,276			
<b>Sludge used in agriculture</b>	22,568	22,727	22,625			

The amounts mentioned above are gathered from the completed questionnaires by the Waste Water Treatment Plants.

SLUDGE USED IN AGRICULTURE Average content (mg/kg dry matter)			
Parameters	2013	2014	2015
METALS			
<b>Cadmium</b>			
<b>Copper</b>			
<b>Nickel</b>			
<b>Lead</b>			
<b>Zinc</b>			
<b>Mercury</b>			
<b>Chromium</b>			
ELEMENTS			
<b>Nitrogen (total N)</b>			
<b>Phosphorus (total P)</b>			

**8. State the number of cases in which exemptions under Article 11 have been granted.**

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