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The Closed Landspreading Season
Chemical Fertiliser  15th September – 31st January
Organic Fertiliser  15th October – 31st January
Farm Yard Manure  1st November – 31st January

Regulation 605 of 2017 prescribe for a doubling of the buffer distance from 5m to 10m from any surface waters from 1st September (chemical fertiliser) 1st October (Organic Fertiliser) 18th October (farm yard manure) until the 14th February, that being two week preceding and two weeks after the closed period.
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Buffer distance from a:
A. Borehole/spring or well
B. Borehole/spring or well supplying 10m³ of drinking water
C. Borehole/spring/well supplying 100m³ of drinking water
D. Lake
E. Karstified limestone feature
F. Surface water (river or drain)