

Soil-related regulations in the UK

England:

- [The Farming Rules for Water \(2018\)](#): Created to achieve compliance with the WFD, and were transposed into domestic Diffuse Pollution legislation in 2018.
- [CAP cross-compliance rules \(GAEC 4, 5, 6\)](#): Require farmers to achieve minimum soil cover, minimise soil erosion and maintain the level of organic matter in soil.

Wales:

- [The Water Resources \(Control of Agricultural Pollution\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2021](#) (currently under review): Seek to address agricultural pollution and classify the whole of Wales as a nitrate vulnerable zone (NVZ).
- [CAP cross-compliance rules \(GAEC 4, 5, 6\)](#): Require farmers to achieve minimum soil cover, minimise soil erosion and maintain the level of organic matter in soil.

Scotland:

- [The Water Environment \(Controlled Activities\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2011](#): Tackle diffuse agricultural pollution and were created to comply with the WFD.
- [CAP cross-compliance rules \(GAEC 4, 5, 6\)](#): Require farmers to achieve minimum soil cover, minimise soil erosion and maintain the level of organic matter in soil.

Northern Ireland:

- [The Water Environment \(Water Framework Directive\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2017](#): Transpose the WFD.
- [CAP cross-compliance rules \(GAEC 4, 5, 6\)](#): Require farmers to achieve minimum soil cover, minimise soil erosion and maintain the level of organic matter in soil.