

Message 001

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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahtuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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4. 2025/0224/AT - S40E - Organic fertilisers, purification sludge

5. Act amending the Soil Quality Protection Act and the Sewerage Act – collective amendment

6. Sewage sludge, sewage sludge compost and cesspit contents (collected waste water)

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8. The government bill contains rules on the protection of soil quality. According to the legislation currently in force, it is illegal to apply sewage sludge and cesspit contents (collected waste water) to soil in the province of Vorarlberg, with a few exceptions, such as sewage sludge compost. The government bill now aims to prohibit the application of sewage sludge compost as well. Sewage sludge that has previously been composted and applied to soil in Vorarlberg for fertilisation purposes will therefore now have to be disposed of by other means (such as by incineration).

There are still some minor exceptions to the prohibition on the application of sewage sludge and cesspit contents; the government bill will further reduce these exceptions.

The envisaged legislation complies with Directive 86/278/EEC on the protection of the environment, and in particular of the soil, when sewage sludge is used in agriculture.

9. Sewage sludge compost has been continuously tested for pollutants in recent years, whereby the range of parameters examined has been constantly adapted to new findings on environmental pollutants. The investigations revealed exposure to pollutants such as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), heavy metals, microplastics, pathogenic germs and pharmaceutical residues. The prohibition on the application of sewage sludge compost to soil is intended to prevent further soil pollution in Vorarlberg.

Moreover, the aim is to prevent soil pollution in the province of Vorarlberg to the greatest extent possible by restricting to a minimum the exceptions to the prohibition on the application of sewage sludge and cesspit contents to soil, in consideration of other public interests affected.

10. Reference to the basic texts:

11. No

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13. No

14. No

15. Yes

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TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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