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Sewage sludge in agriculture in the Netherlands

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Conditions for using sewage sludge in NL

Legislation:

- Pathogens – hygienisation: thermal, chemical, biological
- >50% organic matter
- Conditions for use on the soil (agriculture)
- Limits for heavy metals (soil, groundwater, prevention of diffuse soil contamination)

Result: only incineration in NL



Limits for sewage sludge

in mg per kg dm

Cd (Cadmium)	1,25 mg/kg ds
Cr (Chroom)	75 mg/kg ds
Cu (Koper)	75 mg/kg ds
Hg (Kwik)	0,75 mg/kg ds
Ni (Nikkel)	30 mg/kg ds
Pb (Lood)	100 mg/kg ds
Zn (Zink)	300 mg/kg ds
As (Arseen)	15 mg/kg ds



Additional potential concerns

Other substances:

- Micro plastics
- Pharmaceuticals (metabolites)
- Antibiotics resistance
- Not only direct risks: also Prevention of Accumulation into soil and groundwater



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