5.1 Additional standards for arable and horticultural crop rotations

5.1.10

Where rotation is possible, the annual rotation you use for each area of land must:

• balance the use of fertility building and fertility depleting crops
• include crops with various root systems
• include a legume crop (for example clover or beans), and
• leave enough time between crops with similar pests and disease risks.

5.1.11

You must allow at least three seasons between returning the following outdoor crops to the same piece of land:

• alliums
• brassicas
• potatoes.

Note – you may grow successional crops of the same family in the same year.

5.1.12

We may give you permission to grow two crops of the same family in following seasons if there is a gap of six seasons before cropping with that family again.

5.1.13

If your rotation does not meet the requirements of standard 5.1.10 above and relies on brought-in inputs for crop production, you must:

• show us you are moving towards a better balance between fertility building and fertility depleting management
• reduce your reliance on brought-in inputs, and
• make maximum use of legumes and green manures.