



Information Bulletin

Agricultural Land Commission
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Slaughter plants and handling red meat waste in the ALR

REGULATORY INTERPRETATIONS:

- The processing of farm products, if at least 50% of the farm product being stored, packed, prepared or processed is produced on the farm is permitted in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). These activities are designated as farm uses and may be regulated but must not be prohibited by local government. An incinerator to dispose of Specified Risk Material (SRM) in this scenario is permitted in the ALR without application to the ALC.
- Slaughter plants, where less than 50% of the farm product being stored, packed, prepared or processed is produced on the farm, are considered commercial/industrial plants and must be approved by the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) through the application process. The request for an incinerator would form part of the application.
- Composting facilities in the ALR established in accordance with the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation (OMRR) are prohibited from using Specified Risk Material (SRM) as compost feedstock without the express written approval of the ALC.
- Spreading SRM-compost produced off the farm, or SRM-compost produced on the farm where the SRM compost feedstock is imported to the farm, is prohibited without the express written approval of the ALC.
- The ALC permits the use of non-SRM red meat waste as an acceptable feedstock for composting, and the land application of non-SRM compost on ALR land, provided the composting and use are consistent with BC Regulation 171/2002 (*Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation*).

The following activities are designated as farm uses and may be regulated but must not be prohibited by local government:

- the application of soil amendments collected, stored and handled in compliance with the Agricultural Waste Control Regulation
- the production, storage and application of compost from agricultural wastes produced on the farm for farm purposes in compliance with the Agricultural Waste Control Regulation
- the application of compost and biosolids produced and applied in compliance with the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation
- the production, storage and application of Class A compost in compliance with the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation (including the use of non-SRM 'red meat waste' as an organic matter feedstock suitable for composting) if all the compost produced is used on the farm

The following activity is permitted in the ALR unless otherwise prohibited by a local government bylaw:

- the production, storage and application of Class A compost in compliance with the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation if at least 50% of the compost measured by volume is used on the farm.