

**Guidelines for application of Best Management Practices  
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1. ***Proportionality.*** Measures should not be disproportionate to the desired level of protection or the management objective set and must not aim at zero risk.
2. ***Nondiscrimination.*** Comparable situations should not be treated differently and different situations should not be treated in the same way, unless there are objective grounds for doing so.
3. ***Consistency.*** Measures should be comparable in nature and scope with measures already taken in equivalent areas in which all the scientific data are available and results understood.
4. ***Examination of the benefits and costs of action or lack of action.*** This examination should include an economic cost/benefit analysis when this is appropriate and feasible.
5. ***Examination of scientific developments.*** The measures should be considered provisional in nature pending the availability of new or more reliable scientific data and scientific research should be continued with a view to obtaining more complete data. Actions taken to protect the environment and human health should take precedence over other BMP's.