



Organic Food Federation

Explanatory Note 315

These notes are intended to help applicants comply with Organic EC Regulation 2092/91. They are not exhaustive and are for explanation only. In cases of doubt the Regulation or the OFF should be consulted.

Livestock Feeds

1. Source

- Feed for livestock should be sourced from the unit. When this is not possible feed must come from other organic units.
- For Ruminants 60% of the feed annually must come from the unit or linked units (derogations can be requested from the Federation due to extreme conditions e.g. when bad weather has prevented production).

2. Forage Content

- 2.1 For herbivores 60% of the dry matter of their daily ration must be in the form of roughage, fresh or dried fodder or silage.

3. Organic status of rations

- 3.1 All feeds should aim to be organic however there are derogations from this allowing the feeding of some non-organic feed.

These are as follows

- Ruminants – 5% on an annual basis until 31st December 2007 (though this can be extended to 25% on a daily basis as long as the 5% annually is not exceeded).
- Other species – 15% on an annual basis until 31st December 2007
 - 10% on an annual basis until 31st December 2009
 - 5% on an annual basis until 31st December 2011
 - (this can be extended to 25% on a daily basis as long as the 20% annually is not exceeded.)

- 3.2 These are all calculated on a dry matter basis.

- 3.3 The non-organic feed still comes from Annex IIC however this has been split into green list and non-green list items.

- 3.4 If you are a feed mill ALL the non-organic ingredients you buy have to have derogation from OFF before purchase.

- 3.5 If you are a farmer you may buy feed as follows:

- Certified concentrates from feed mills
- Organic or 2nd year in-conversion feed (see 4. for maximum allowance) from certified farmers (always obtain a valid certificate with invoice).
- Feed from the green list. No derogation is required but you must have justification for not buying organic at your inspection
- Feed not from the green list – derogation required from OFF before purchase.

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4. In-conversion feed

- 4.1 In-conversion feed stuffs can be fed but these must be from second year in- conversion fields.
- 4.2 The percentage allowed varies
- 30% of the feed dry matter content if brought in from off the holding
 - 60% of the feed dry matter content if from your own or linked units
- 4.3 Both of these are on a dry matter and annual basis. Minerals or vitamins are not included in the dry matter calculation.

5. Minerals, vitamins and amino acids.

- 5.1 Major minerals – Sodium, Calcium, Phosphorus, Magnesium and Sulphur can be fed without prior justification as long as it is in the form that is permitted in the OFF Standards (Annex II C).
- 5.2 Trace elements – Iron, Iodine, Cobalt, Copper, Manganese, Zinc, Molybdenum and Selenium. When a deficiency has been identified then the trace element may be supplemented as long as it is given in a form permitted by OFF Standards (Annex II D).
- 5.3 Vitamins– these are only allowed to be given to monogastric animals if the need for them can be proven and they cannot be supplied in any other way.

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