



Organic Food Federation

Information Sheet for Processors

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Pre screening for non organic ingredient derogation requests

We have been asked that before a submission is made, based on Section 4.6 of our Standard, for use of non organic ingredients, **that operators send their application in the first instance to the Federation and not to Defra direct.** You should download a copy of the OB9 form by simply searching “Defra form OB9”, fill it out and submit it to us.

This will enable us to check all sources for non organic ingredients prior to the form being submitted to Defra which should reduce the approval time.

We therefore ask that the following criteria are met:

1. Ingredients are not available in the EU (quantity and cost are not a factor. If only 3kg is available but you need 2kg this excuse will not qualify for a derogation.
2. The ingredient is permitted for organic use according to the regulations. We cannot issue derogation for additives/processing aids not listed in the organic regulation. See Section 6 of our Standard.
3. The calculation and ingredient composition is correct (at least 95% of the ingredients of agricultural origin are organic. Water, salt and processing aids should be excluded from the calculation). Please use our recipe calculation sheet which can be downloaded from our website www.orgfoodfed.com.
4. Once agreed by the Federation you should send your OB9 to organic.standards@defra.gsi.gov.uk.