



# Organic Food Federation

## Information Sheet for NI Producers

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### Transitional Measures for Poultry Housing

Dear All

On the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022, Regulation (EU) 2018/848 came into affect in Northern Ireland. Below are stated the actions you will need to undertake to ensure you remain compliant.

#### **Poultry houses brought into operation from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

These are required to comply fully with our standard (Regulation (EU) 2018/848).

#### **Poultry houses already in production as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

Our Standards and Article 16 of Regulation (EU) 2020/464 provides a number of transitional measures for existing poultry housing to ensure they meet the requirements for poultry housing by *1<sup>st</sup> January 2030*.

#### **Transitional plans for poultry housing**

This means that to operate under the transitional measures, you must produce us a transitional plan detailing their move to compliance with our standards (and the regulation) by *31<sup>st</sup> December 2023*.

A transitional plan must detail the current arrangements for pullet provision.

Examples include:

- Housing structures.
- Number of birds.
- Stocking density.

A transitional plan must detail provisions that will be required to ensure compliance with the pullet rearing requirements of the Regulation.

Examples include:

- Numbers and batches of birds for annual production.
- Proposed size of building, number of birds in house, stocking density, perch space.
- Land requirement for production.
- Proposals for planning permissions for land and housing structures, if required.

A transitional plan must include estimated completion dates for each transitional measure.

Examples include:

- Acquisition of land.
- Conversion timetables for land parcels.
- Planned building works and renovations.

We will review the plan on a regular basis to ensure completion dates are met and any delays rectified.