



Organic Food Federation

Information Sheet for Northern Ireland Processors

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Please see the following which covers the removal and limits of non-organic ingredients you may use in organic products following the implementation of regulation 2018/848.

Regulation 2021 /1165 set expiry dates reducing the number of permitted non-organic agricultural ingredients originally allowed under 889/2008. This expiry date is fast approaching 1st January 2024.

From 1st January 2024.

You will no longer be permitted to use the following in non-organic form:

Acorns (*Quercus* species)

Cola nuts (*Cola acuminata*)

Gooseberries (*Ribes uva-crispa*)

Passion fruit also known as maracujas (*Passiflora edulis*)

Dried raspberries (*Rubus idaeus*)

Dried redcurrants (*Ribes rubrum*)

Peruvian pepper (*Schinus molle* L.)

Horseradish seeds (*Armoracia rusticana*)

Lesser galanga (*Alpina officinarum*)

Safflower flowers (*Carthamus tinctorius*)

Watercress (*Nasturtium officinale*)

Algae, including seaweeds, which are allowed as food ingredients

Fructose

Rice paper

Unleavened bread paper

Starch from rice and waxy maize

Pea protein (*Pisum* species)

Rum, only obtained from cane sugar juice

Kirsch

Whey powder 'herasoula'

Wild fishes and wild aquatic animals – unless sourced from fisheries that have been certified as sustainable.

You may only use the following products in non-organic form up to 5% in your organic products:



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Product	Condition
Alga Arame (Eisenia Bicyclis),	unprocessed as well as products of first-stage processing directly related to this alga
Alga Hijiki (Hizikia fusiforme),	unprocessed as well as products of first-stage processing directly related to this alga
Bark of the Pau d'arco tree Handroanthus impetiginosus (‘lapacho’)	only for use in Kombucha and tea mixtures
Wild fishes and wild aquatic animals	unprocessed as well as products derived therefrom by processes only from fisheries that have been certified as sustainable under a scheme recognised by the competent authority in line with the principles laid down in Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, in accordance with point 3.1.3.1 (c) of Part III of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 only when not available in organic aquaculture.
Gelatin	from other sources than porcine
Casings	from natural raw materials of animal origin or from plant origin material
Milk mineral powder/liquid	only when used for its sensory function to replace wholly or partly sodium chloride