**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF NON-ORGANIC HERD EXPANSION**

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| Scope | To record the objective evidence for justifying the use of non-organic animals by a producer to Defra in accordance with Article 9 of retained Commission Regulation (EC) 889/2008 and Article 14(1)(a)(ii) of Retained Council Regulation (EC) 834/2007. |
| Responsibility | **Competent Authority, Operators, Control Bodies, Inspectors.** |

**Control Body**

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| Control Body | Soil Association Certification |

**Applicant’s Details**

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| Name of producer | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| CB registration number (license number) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Address of producer | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Location if different | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Derogation Details**

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| Species and breed required to be purchased | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Number of breeding females of the above species on farm which are over 12 months old | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Number required to be purchased | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Percentage of non-organic animals required to be purchased to the number of breeding females on farm | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Have the animals previously given birth? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Date species required to be brought in | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Criteria for Derogation**

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| You may purchase non-organic breeding stock up to 40% of your current breeding adults in the following special cases (only tick one box) | **☐** There has been a major extension to the farm[[1]](#footnote-1)  **☐** Desired breed has changed  **☐** Initiation of a new livestock specialisation  **☐** A breed is in danger of being lost to farming[[2]](#footnote-2) |
| Please provide further details | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Evidence for the Derogation**

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| Names and contact details of at least three suppliers that have been contacted in attempts to source the organic animals, and dates contacted | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Have you posted an advertisement on a recognised organic marketplace for at least five working days without a response? Which marketplace did you advertise on and when? | Date posted: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Website used: Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Justification for the Derogation**

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| Information as to why it is necessary to introduce over the permitted % of non-organic animal/s on the farm, and why available organic animals are not suitable | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Control Body Approval (office use only)**

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| Date application received |  | | |
| Date approved |  | | |
| Declaration | *In our role as this operator’s Control Body, we have reviewed this application and agree that the organic livestock required is not available on the GB market and that the operator has done all they reasonably can to source it. It is our view that this application is justified and should be approved.* | | |
| Approved by |  | **Position** |  |
| Signature |  | **Date** |  |

1. If there has been a major increase in the land area farmed, please specify in the box below the total amount in hectares. This box can also be selected if there has been a significant change in the species farmed e.g. a beef and sheep farm deciding to specialise in one species. Please specify details in the box below. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. []](https://ukc-word-edit.officeapps.live.com/we/wordeditorframe.aspx?ui=en%2DUS&rs=en%2DGB&wopisrc=https%3A%2F%2Fsoilassociation.sharepoint.com%2Fsites%2FOrganicQMS%2F_vti_bin%2Fwopi.ashx%2Ffiles%2Fe2ee41c2fe6a4a5e9a108c74de186665&wdenableroaming=1&wdfr=1&mscc=1&hid=6438DFA0-A007-7000-5BFE-66FF5138F5BA&wdorigin=ItemsView&wdhostclicktime=1695997845461&jsapi=1&jsapiver=v1&newsession=1&corrid=90a6d6d6-5398-4046-8f37-aa29271baf9c&usid=90a6d6d6-5398-4046-8f37-aa29271baf9c&sftc=1&cac=1&mtf=1&sfp=1&instantedit=1&wopicomplete=1&wdredirectionreason=Unified_SingleFlush&rct=Normal&ctp=LeastProtected#_ftnref1) Any breeds mentioned on the [Rare Breeds Survival Trust watchlist](https://www.rbst.org.uk/) are classed as a rare breed and do not need to be nulliparous. For other breeds, you should demonstrate how the number of pure-bred breeding females registered in a herd book kept by an approved breeding organisation are below the regulation limits for the population across the whole EU. The regulation limits for different species are cattle 7,500, sheep 10,000, goats 10,000, pigs 15,000, and avian 25,000. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)