

	DEROGATION REQUEST ANNEX	CODE IS_CERT_Derogation Request
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This document outlines for which instances a derogation can be issued in accordance with *the National Organic & Biodynamic Standard* and the required evidence needed in order for the derogation request to be approved.

<i>Derogation Standard Reference</i>	<i>Required Information/ Evidence Required</i>
NS 1.4.2 Minimum 5% biodiversity requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates notice confirming land is less than 4 Ha or • Map and Statutory declaration confirming the size of the production unit is less than 4 Ha
NS 1.4.2 Use of prohibited substances and/or practices under mandated control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of attempts to use organic compliant controls or reasons why such controls would be ineffective (if applicable). • Letter from government authority mandating use of prohibited substances and/or practices, or publication • identifying declared pest or weed status, biosecurity obligations, etc. • Map clearly identifying the land to be treated and excluded from certification, means of exclusion and identification on the ground (e.g., fencing, signage), and an estimate of the land area (in hectares or square metres) to be removed. • Identity of prohibited substance used or intended for use (attach label or SDS if available).
NS 1.8.4 Use of solid non-woven plastic or synthetic material sheets for mulching.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composition of mulch (specification, SDS) • Reason for use • Details of removal and disposal
NS 1.7.2 Use of uncertified seeds/ planting material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of attempts to source organic material – letter/ email from at least 2 suppliers confirming organic material is not available or details of 2 phone calls to at least 2 suppliers advising non-availability

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide details of seed type/ variety/ quantity and supplier • GM declaration for high risk varieties (Canola/ maize/ corn/ soya beans) • Supplier statement confirming that products supplied have not been treated with prohibited substances. • Note that planting materials that have been treated with NoGall are not eligible for derogation. Products commonly treated with NoGall include Stone Fruit, Almonds, Walnuts, Pecans and Roses.
NS 1.11.16 Use of non-organic mushroom spawn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of attempts to source organic material – letter/ email from at least 2 suppliers confirming organic material is not available or details of 2 phone calls to at least 2 suppliers advising non-availability • Supplier statement confirming that products supplied have not been treated with prohibited substances
NS 1.14.3 Introduction of non-organic livestock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of attempts to source certified livestock – letter/ email from at least 2 suppliers confirming organic material is not available or details of 2 phone calls to at least 2 suppliers advising non-availability • OMP including details of how non-organic livestock are identified, quarantine practices and records • Dates and withholding period for last prohibited treatment (synthetic parasiticides or allopathic veterinary treatments) • Evidence of compliant conversion periods
NS 1.16.4 Use of non-organic feed supplements of agricultural origin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reason for requiring non-organic feed supplements (eg evidence nutritional deficiencies) • Evidence of attempts to source organic feed supplements – letter/ email from at least 2 suppliers

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	<p>confirming organic material is not available or details of 2 phone calls to at least 2 suppliers advising non-availability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence that feed is free from prohibited substances (residue testing or supplier declaration) • GM declaration (for high-risk products) • Time period that non-organic feed supplement is required. • Calculations to demonstrate that non-organic feed supplement makes up less than 5% of the feed ration
<p>NS 1.6.9 Exemption for the use of non-organic/ In-conversion feed in situations of extreme climatic conditions/ extenuation circumstances</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence that the production unit has been affected by extreme climatic conditions or other extenuating circumstances – eg online drought data/ rainfall deficiencies/ drought declaration) evidence of fire/ flooding. • If non-organic feed is used – non-GM declaration (for high risk varieties), evidence that feed does not contain prohibited residues (testing results/ supplier declaration) Evidence that livestock receiving non-organic feed receiving organic feed for 6 months prior to regaining organic/ biodynamic status. Residues testing of livestock products may be required prior to regaining organic/ biodynamic status. • If in-conversion feed is used – copy of supplier certificate
<p>NS 1.23.6 Feeding of hives under extreme climatic conditions/ extenuating circumstances including relocation of hives to sites not compliant with NS 1.23.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of extreme climatic conditions/ extenuating circumstances – eg online drought data/ rainfall deficiencies/ drought declaration) evidence of fire/flooding. • Details of supplementary feed to be provided (organic status, GMO status for risk species, verification it is chemically untreated, etc.).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of sites that hives will be relocated to (including maps/ GPS coordinates of site/ sites). • Evidence that that the first extraction following feeding of hives will not be sold as organic/ biodynamic
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