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Section 2

2.10 Fertilisers and Supplementary Nutrients

Section 2.10.01 is amended as follows (i.e. the inclusion of hoof, horn and bone meal as permitted inputs).

2.10.01 (889.3.1) Where the nutritional needs of plants cannot be met by measures provided for in these standards, only fertilisers referred to in the following table may be used in organic production and only to the extent necessary. Operators shall keep documentary evidence of the need to use the product.

Note: The following fertilising materials are permitted, subject to the conditions of use and the requirements set out below. This is a positive list and materials not listed, such as mineral nitrogen fertilisers, shall not be used.

Compound products or products containing only materials listed hereunder:	Description, compositional requirements, conditions for use	Documentary Evidence Required to Substantiate Use (information to be retained in operator's Record Book)
Products or by-products of animal origin as below: hoof meal horn meal bone meal or degelatinized bone meal fish meal feather, hair and 'chiquette' meal wool fur hair dairy products	For fur: maximum concentration in mg/kg of dry matter of chromium (VI): 0	Reason for use; soil analysis (if appropriate); source; quantity; storage arrangements

Section 8

8.02 Sales of Organic Animals at Conventional Livestock Marts

- 8.02.01 Organic animals may be sold at conventional livestock marts and the following best-practice guidelines apply:
- If possible, a dedicated sales ring for organic stock or organic pens to be made available
 - It is recommended that sales of organic animals occur as the first operation on the day of the Mart, however, alternative timings are permitted if they are deemed to provide more optimum conditions for the sale of organic animals
 - Clear notices indicating Organic Stock For Sale to be made available by the Mart organisers
 - Tanoy announcements regarding organic stock for sale and their specific status to be provided by the Mart organisers on the day of the Mart.
 - It is recommended that one or more organic producer /s take responsibility for the above arrangements on the days on which organic animals are to be sold.
 - Each organic producer wishing to sell organic animals at conventional marts must ensure that the following paperwork is brought to the mart on the day of the sale:
 - 1) Copies of the organic licence of the organic farmer (i.e. one copy for each animal to be sold)
 - 2) Copies of the completed Livestock Sales Declaration Form (i.e. one copy for each animal to be sold)
 - 3) Blue Cards/Passports for all animals offered for sale
- 8.02.02 All organic operators who intend to purchase organic animals offered for sale at conventional marts must ensure that they verify the organic status of such animals prior to final purchase. It is emphasized that unlike the dedicated organic marts, the status of organic animals sold at conventional marts **will not be verified** by the organic certification bodies prior to the sales taking place, therefore, caveat emptor (***let the buyer beware***) to be observed.
- 8.02.03 When advertising organic animals for sale at conventional marts, it is important to indicate in the advertisement that **'this is not a dedicated organic mart'** and to include the name/address of the Mart organizer to be contacted when booking-in organic animals for sale at any such marts. It is recommended that all Marts who intend to offer organic animals for sale notify the organic certification bodies of the dates and times of such marts, i.e. Organic Trust Ltd 01 8530271 and IOFGA 090 64 33680.

Section 2

2.13 Environmental Pollution & Contamination

2.13.07 **As previously amended by Amendment A8, 2.13.07 is further amended as follows:**

Care shall be taken to ensure that water used for irrigation is free from contamination by prohibited materials. If a mains water supply is not available, water used for the irrigation of crops which are likely to be eaten uncooked shall be assessed for its suitability in the first instance and tested at least annually. Records must be available for inspection. The following parameters must be met:

E. coli	0/100ml
Enterococci	0/100ml

Industry codes of best practice should be applied in all instances. Storage facilities for irrigation water should be constantly monitored and maintained in a hygienic condition.

Note:

Assessment of the suitability of the source of irrigation water (other than mains supply) should include potential contamination from livestock, industry, intensive farming methods etc. The suitability of the water source should be subject to on-going monitoring to ensure that material changes which occur due to adverse weather conditions (resulting in either very high or low water tables due to floods or drought, pollution) have not negatively affected the quality of the water.

Section 2

2.02 Certification & Control Arrangements for Producers

2.02.27 **Section 2.02.27 is amended as follows:**

Where a processing or packing operation includes any of the following arrangements, the Operation must be assessed for compliance with the relevant processing Standards in Section 6:

- (a) Inclusion of brought-in products for re-sale irrespective of the value of such brought-in products/produce;
- (b) Use of subcontractors for part of the process;
- (c) Parallel processing or packing of organic and non-organic products;
- (d) A processing/preparation operation which involves changes to the nature of the product, such as peeling, slicing, cooking, freezing, juicing and so forth.