



DEROGATION FOR RESTRICTED VETERINARY PRACTICES

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The current EU organic regulation (EU 834/2007 and 889/2008) states that while mutilations which lead to stress, harm, disease or the suffering of animals are banned, specific operations essential to certain types of production and for the sake of security for animals and human beings may be permitted under restricted conditions. In addition appropriate breeds shall be chosen and shall contribute to the prevention of any suffering and to avoiding the need for the mutilation of animals.

The Livestock Management Plan as referenced in section 4.05.05 of the **Organic Food and Farming Standards in Ireland – Edition 1 (January 2012) plus amendments** is contained within your Record Book and must be maintained up to date and available for inspection.

If you would like permission to carry out any of the restricted practices detailed below, please refer to section 4.05.28/29 of the **Organic Food and Farming Standards in Ireland – Edition 1 (January 2012) plus amendments**, complete the table on **PAGE 2** ensuring the age restrictions listed below are complied with in relation to the relevant species, attach relevant supporting documentation and submit it to Irish Organic Association:

By post to: Irish Organic Association, 13 Inish Carraig, Golden Island, Athlone, Co Westmeath, N37 N1W4.
By fax to: 0906-449005 By e-mail to: info@irishoa.ie

Any suffering to the animals shall be reduced to a minimum by applying adequate anaesthesia and/or analgesia and by carrying out the operation only at the most appropriate age by qualified/competent personnel.

Restricted Practice - Bovine	
Disbudding of a calf latest within 15 days of birth (except where horns have not emerged or where calf is sick or weak). ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA REQUIRED	
Dehorning only to be undertaken in exceptional circumstances by Veterinary Surgeon.	
Non-surgical castration of a bull no more than 6 months of age. ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA REQUIRED	
Castration through use of rubber ring is permitted within 8 days of birth. ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA REQUIRED	
Restricted Practice – Sheep and Goats	
Disbudding of a sheep or goat within 8 days of birth. ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA REQUIRED	
Non-surgical castration of a ram no more than 3 months of age. ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA REQUIRED	
Non-surgical castration of a goat no more than 2 months of age. ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA REQUIRED	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>If anaesthesia/analgesia is not being used for the following three practices please have your vet complete the box on the right →</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>To be completed by Veterinary Practitioner.</u></p> <p>Analgesia/anaesthetic not recommended for the following practices (within 8 days of birth) on the following species on this holding:</p> <p>Castration: Sheep <input type="checkbox"/> Goats <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Tail Docking: Sheep <input type="checkbox"/> Goats <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Reason</p> <p>Prevent undue stress <input type="checkbox"/> Potential infection risk <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Veterinary Practitioner Signature: _____</p> <p>Veterinary Practitioner Address/contact details/practice stamp: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
1. Castration through use of rubber ring (for both sheep and goats) is permitted within 8 days of birth.	
2. Tail docking of sheep within 8 days of birth by use of rubber ring, retaining enough tail to cover the vulva of the female and anus of the male sheep.	
3. Tail docking of goat within 8 days of birth through use of rubber rings.	
Restricted Practice – Pigs	
Castration of a pig within 8 days of birth by a method that does not involve tearing tissue. ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA REQUIRED	
Tail docking within 8 days of birth. ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA REQUIRED	
Teeth Clipping within 8 days of birth. ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA REQUIRED	
Restricted Practice – Deer	
Castration through use of rubber ring is permitted within 8 days of birth ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA REQUIRED	
NOTE: The trimming of beaks in relation to poultry is not permitted. Clipping wings in relation to bees (queens) is prohibited.	

PLEASE ENSURE YOU SIGN THE DECLARATION ON PAGE 2 →



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Practice	Species (list all relevant)	Number of Animals	Age of animals at time of planned treatment (tick all relevant ✓)					Person who will carry out procedure?
			≤8d	≤15d	≤2m	≤3m	≤6m	
Tail docking by elastic band								
Tail docking by other means								
Disbudding								
Dehorning								
Castration								

Transportation of animals:

Loading and unloading of animals shall be carried out without the use of electrical stimulation to coerce the animals. The use of allopathic tranquillisers, prior to or during transport, is prohibited.

Who can carry out these operations:

Competent Person

Being “competent” in relation to an operation or procedure means—

- (a) being familiar with,
- (b) having the necessary training and experience to successfully carry out,
- (c) having the technical skill to successfully carry out, and
- (d) having the requisite equipment to successfully carry out, the operation or procedure.

The operative must be the owner or person in actual possession of the animal or his or her employee acting under the direction of the owner or person; in actual possession of the animal, and that the procedure is part of, or incidental to, the normal husbandry and management of the animal.

DECLARATION

I confirm that all the information supplied in this application form is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and that all relevant information has been supplied.

I confirm that I have read and understood section 4.05 of the Organic Food and Farming Standards in Ireland – Edition 1 (January 2012) plus amendments.

No restricted veterinary practices will be carried out on my stock prior to receiving notification of authorisation from Irish Organic Association.

SIGNED BY THE LICENCE HOLDER:

For office use only:

Derogation Approved: YES / NO Signed: _____ Date: _____

REASON FOR NON-APPROVAL (w/a): _____

Producer Notified: YES / NO Date: _____ Original scanned and put on operator’s file: YES / NO

Copied to “Veterinary Derogation File”: _____ YES / NO

Note any licence implications and action taken: _____