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^{*}Regulation officially published 14.06.2012 (implementation dates 01.01.2012 and 15.06.2012), however, notified to OCB operators in tandem with distribution of new standards manual in January 2012 as already agreed at EU level and notified to European OCBs late in 2011. Publication of 505/2012 simply completed the official publication process.

Section 4.03.08 (Stricter Standards) is amended as follows (i.e. inclusion of Droimeann as rare breed):

4.03.08 (889.9.4)

The percentages referred to in paragraph **4.03.07 (889.9.3)** may be increased up to 40 %, **subject to prior authorisation by the competent authority**, in the following special cases:

- (a) When a major extension to the farm is undertaken;
- (b) When a breed is changed;
- (c) When a new livestock specialisation is initiated;
- (d) When breeds are in danger of being lost to farming as defined by DAFM/DEFRA and in that case animals of those breeds must not necessarily be nulliparous.

Note 1: Designated rare breeds are as follows:

DAFM (Republic of Ireland)

Cattle: Kerry, Dexter, Irish Maol (or Moiled), Droimeann **Equines:** Connemara Pony, Irish Draught, Kerry Bog Pony

Sheep: Galway

DEFRA (full listing available from the OCB)

Note: All Stock including Pedigree stock with the exception of those identified at 4.03.08(d) must be nulliparous.

Note: Where brought in non organic stock is being requested under 4.03.08 above, the operator must contact their OCB for the authorisation requirements.

Section 4.09.01, Section 3, previously amended by Amendment A51, is further amended as follows (i.e. inclusion of Monoammonium phosphate (ammonium dihydrogen orthophosphate):

4.09.01 (889.22.1) Non-organic feed materials of plant and animal origin may be used in organic production subject to the restrictions laid down in paragraph 4.08.21 (889.43) and only if they are listed below and the restrictions laid down therein are complied with:

3. Feed materials of mineral origin

Authorisation	Substance		Description, conditions for use
А	Calcareous marine shells		
А	Maerl		
А	Lithotamn		
А	Calcium gluconate		
А	Calcium carbonate		
А	Defluorinated monocalciumphosphate		
А	Defluorinated dicalciumphosphate		
А	Magnesium oxide (anhydrous magnesia)		
А	Magnesium sulphate		
А	Magnesium chloride		
А	Magnesium carbonate		
А	Calcium magnesium phosphate		
А	Magnesium phosphate		
А	Monosodium phosphate		
А	Calcium sodium phosphate		
Α	Monoammonium phosphate dihydrogen orthophosphate)	(ammonium	Only for aquaculture
А	Sodium chloride		
А	Sodium bicarbonate		
А	Sodium carbonate		
А	Sodium sulphate		
А	Potassium chloride		

Sections 6.05.20 and 6.05.21, previously amended by Amendment A103, are further amended as follows (i.e. additions to use of E401 Sodium Alginate; Calcium Chloride and Activated Carbon):

6.05.20 (889. Annex VIII) Certain products and substances for use in production of processed organic food, yeast and yeast products.

6.05.21 TABLE A - FOOD ADDITIVES, INCLUDING CARRIERS

For the purpose of the calculation referred to in Article 23.4(a)(ii) of Regulation (EC) N° 834/2007, food additives marked with an asterisk in the column of the code number, shall be calculated as ingredients of agricultural origin.

Code	Name	·	of foodstuffs	Specific conditions and restrictions in addition
Codo	ramo		^-	to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008
E 153	Vegetable carbon		Х	Ashy goat cheese Morbier cheese
E 160b*	Annatto, Bixin, Norbixin		Х	Red Leicester cheese Double Gloucester cheese Cheddar Mimolette cheese
E 170	Calcium carbonate	Х	Х	Shall not be used for colouring or calcium enrichment of products
E 220	Sulphur dioxide	Х	X(Only for mead)	In fruit wines (wine made from fruits other than grapes, including cider and perry) and mead with and without added sugar: 100 mg/l (Maximum levels available from all sources, expressed as SO2 in mg/l)
E 223	Sodium metabisul- phite		Х	Crustaceans
E 224	Potassium metabisul- phite	Х	X (Only for mead)	In fruit wines (wine made from fruits other than grapes, including cider and perry) and mead with and without added sugar: 100 mg/l (Maximum levels available from all sources, expressed as SO2 in mg/l)
E250	Sodium nitrite		Х	For meat products. May only be used, if it has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the competent authority that no technological alternative, giving the same guarantees and/or allowing to maintain the specific features of the product, is available. Not in combination with E252. Indicative ingoing amount expressed as NaNO2: 80 mg/kg, maximum residual amount expressed as NaNO2: 50 mg/kg

		Preparation	of foodstuffs	
Code	Name		of Animal origin	Specific conditions and restrictions in addition to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008
E252	Potassium nitrate		X	For meat products. May only be used, if it has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the competent authority that no technological alternative, giving the same guarantees and/or allowing to maintain the specific features of the product, is available. Not in combination with E250. Indicative ingoing amount expressed as NaNO3: 80 mg/kg, maximum residual amount expressed as NaNO3: 50 mg/kg
E 270	Lactic acid	X	Х	
E 290	Carbon dioxide	X	X	
E 296	Malic acid	Х		
E 300	Ascorbic acid	Х	Х	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: Meat pro- ducts
E 301	Sodium ascorbate		Х	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: Meat products in connection with nitrates and nitrites
E 306(*)	Tocopherol-rich ex- tract	Х	Х	Anti-oxidant
E 322(*)	Lecithins	Х	Х	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: Milk products. Only when derived from organic production. Applicable as of 1 January 2022. Until that date, only when derived from organic raw material.
E 325	Sodium lactate		Х	Milk-based and meat products
E 330	Citric acid	Х	Х	
E 331	Sodium citrates	X	X	
E 333	Calcium citrates	Х		
E 334	Tartaric acid (L(+)-)	Х	X (Only for mead)	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: Mead.
E 335	Sodium tartrates	Х		
E 336	Potassium tartrates	Х		
E 341 (i)	Monocalcium phosphate	Х		Raising agent for self-raising flour
E 392*	Extracts of Rosemary	X	X	Only when derived from organic production
E 400	Alginic acid	X	X	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: milk- based products
E 401	Sodium alginate	Х	х	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: milk- based products and sausages based on meat
E 402	Potassium alginate	Х	Х	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: milk- based products

Code	Name	•	of foodstuffs	Specific conditions and restrictions in addition
Oodc	Name			to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008
E 406	Agar	Х	X	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: milk- based products and meat products
E 407	Carrageenan	Х	Х	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: milk-based products
E 410*	Locust bean gum	Х	Х	Only when derived from organic production. Applicable as of 1 January 2022.
E 412*	Guar gum	Х	Х	Only when derived from organic production. Applicable as of 1 January 2022.
E 414*	Arabic gum	Х	Х	Only when derived from organic production. Applicable as of 1 January 2022.
E 415	Xanthan gum	X	Х	
E 417	Tara gum powder	X	X	Thickener Only when derived from organic production. Applicable as of 1 January 2022.
E 418	Gellan gum	Х	Х	High-acyl form only Only when derived from organic production. Applicable as of 1 January 2022.
E 422	Glycerol	Х	X	Only from plant origin Only when derived from organic production. Applicable as of 1 January 2022. For plant extracts, flavourings, humectant in gel cap- sules and as a surface coating of tablets
E 440 (i)*	Pectin	Х	Х	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: milk- based products
E 464	Hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose	X	Х	Encapsulation material for capsules
E 500	Sodium carbonates	Х	Х	
E 501	Potassium carbonates	Х		
E 503	Ammonium carbo- nates	Х		
E 504	Magnesium carbonates	Х		
E 509	Calcium chloride		X	Milk coagulation
E 516	Calcium sulphate	X		Carrier
E 524	Sodium hydroxide	Х		Surface treatment of "Laugengebäck" and regulation of acidity in organic flavourings

Code	Name		of foodstuffs	Specific conditions and restrictions in addition	
Code	Ivairie		~ .	to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008	
E 551	Silicon dioxide	X	X	For herbs and spices in dried powdered form, flavourings and propolis	
E 553b	Talc	X	Х	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: surface treatment of sausages	
E 901	Beeswax	X		As a glazing agent for confectionary only. Beeswax from organic production	
E 903	Carnauba wax	X		As a glazing agent for confectionary As a mitigating method for mandatory extreme cold treatment of fruit as a quarantine measure against harmful organisms (Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2017/1279) (1) Only when derived from organic production. Applicable as of 1 January 2022. Until that date, only when derived from organic raw material.	
E 938	Argon	X	Х		
E 939	Helium	X	X		
E 941	Nitrogen	X	X		
E 948	Oxygen	Х	Х		
E 968	Erythritol	X	X	Only when derived from organic production without using ion exchange technology	

⁽¹) Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2017/1279 of 14 July 2017 amending Annexes I to V to Council Directive 2000/29/EC on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community (OJ L 184, 15.7.2017, p. 33).

TABLE B — PROCESSING AIDS AND OTHER PRODUCTS, WHICH MAY BE USED FOR PROCESSING OF INGREDIENTS OF AGRICULTURAL ORIGIN FROM ORGANIC PRODUCTION

	Preparation of all	Preparation of all	Specific conditions and restrictions in
Name	foodstuffs of plant	foodstuffs of animal	addition to Regulation (EU) No
	origin	origin	1333/2008
Water	Х	Х	Drinking water within the meaning of Council Directive 98/83/EC
Calcium chloride	Х		Coagulation agent. With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: sausages based on meat
Calcium carbonate	X		
Calcium hydroxide	Х		
Calcium sulphate	Х		Coagulation agent
Magnesium chloride (or nigari)	Х		Coagulation agent
Potassium carbonate	Х		With regard to foodstuffs of plant origin: drying of grapes

Name	Preparation of all foodstuffs of plant origin		Specific conditions and restrictions in addition to Regulation (EU) No 1333/2008
Sodium carbonate	X	X	
Lactic acid		Х	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: for the regulation of the pH of the brine bath in cheese production
L(+)lactic acid from fermentation	X		With regard to foodstuffs of plant origin: for the preparation of plant protein extracts
Citric acid	X	X	
Sodium hydroxide	Х		With regard to foodstuffs of plant origin: for sugar(s) production; for oil production excluding olive oil production; for the preparation of plant protein extracts
Sulphuric acid	X	Х	Gelatine production Sugar(s) production
Hop extract	X		With regard to foodstuffs of plant origin: only for antimicrobial purposes in production of sugar. When available from organic production
Pine rosin extract	Х		With regard to foodstuffs of plant origin: only for antimicrobial purposes in production of sugar. When available from organic production
Hydrochloric acid		Х	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: Gelatine production; for the regulation of the pH of the brine bath in the processing of Gouda, Edam and Maasdammer cheeses, Boerenkaas, Friese and Leidse Nagelkaas
Ammonium hydroxide		Х	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: gelatine production
Hydrogen peroxide		Х	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: gelatine production
Carbon dioxide	Х	X	
Nitrogen	X	X	
Ethanol	X	X	Solvent
Tannic acid	X		Filtration aid
Egg white albumin	X		
Casein	X		
Gelatin	X		
Isinglass	X		
Vegetable oils	Х	Х	Greasing, releasing or anti-foaming agent. Only when derived from organic production
Silicon dioxide gel or colloidal solution	Х		

	Preparation of all		Specific conditions and restrictions in
Name	foodstuffs of plant origin	origin	addition to Regulation (EU) No 1333/2008
Activated carbon	X	Х	
Talc	Х		In compliance with the specific purity criteria for food additive E 553b
Bentonite	Х	Х	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: as a sticking agent for mead
Cellulose	Х	Х	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: Gelatine production
Diatomaceous earth	Х	Х	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: Gelatine production
Perlite	Х	Х	With regard to foodstuffs of animal origin: Gelatine production
Hazelnut shells	Х		
Rice meal	Х		
Beeswax	Х		Releasing agent. Beeswax from organic production
Carnauba wax	Х		Releasing agent. Only when derived from organic production. Applicable as of 1 January 2022. Until that date, only when derived from organic raw material
Acetic acid/vinegar		Х	Only when derived from organic production. For fish processing only. From natural fermentation, Not to be produced by or from GMO
Thiamin hydrochloride	Х	Х	Only for use in processing of fruit wines, including cider and perry and mead
Diammonium phosphate	X	X	Only for use in processing of fruit wines, including cider and perry and mead
Wood fibre	X	X	The source of timber should be restricted to certified, sustainably harvested wood. Wood used must not contain toxic components (post-harvest treatment, naturally occur- ring toxins or toxins from micro-organisms)

$\ensuremath{\mathsf{TABLE\,C}}\xspace$ — PROCESSING AIDS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF YEAST AND YEAST PRODUCTS

Name	Primary yeast	Yeast confections/ formulations	Specific conditions
Calcium chloride	X		
Carbon dioxide	Х	Х	
Citric acid	X		For the regulation of the pH in yeast production
Lactic acid	X		For the regulation of the pH in yeast production

Name	Primary yeast	Yeast confections/ formulations	Specific conditions
Nitrogen	X	Х	
Oxygen	Х	Х	
Potato starch	Х	Х	For filtering Only when derived from organic production
Sodium carbonate	X	X	For the regulation of the pH
Vegetable oils	Х	Х	Greasing, releasing or anti-foaming agent Only when derived from organic production'

Section 4.03.09 of the Standards, previously amended by Amendment A93, is further amended as follows:

4.03.09(b)

(889.42.b) Non-organically reared pullets for egg production of not more than 18 weeks may be brought into an organic livestock unit until 31 December 2021, when organically reared pullets are not available and provided that the relevant provisions laid down in **Sections 4.08, 4.09 & 4.10 (889. Section 3 and 4 of Chapter 2)** are complied with from day olds onwards (i.e. from up to 3 days old onwards).

Section 4.08.21 of the Standards, previously amended by Amendment A94, is further amended as follows:

4.08.21

(889.43) Where the conditions laid down in **Section 1.09.02 b) (834.22.2b)** and where farmers are unable to obtain protein feed exclusively from organic production, the use of a limited proportion of nonorganic protein feed is allowed for porcine and poultry species.

The maximum percentage of non-organic protein feed authorised per period of 12 months for those species shall be 5 % for calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The figures shall be calculated annually as a percentage of the dry matter of feed from agricultural origin.

The operator shall keep documentary evidence of the need for the use of this provision.

Note: Non-organic feedstuffs (up to the above specified limits) may only be used where the producer can show to the satisfaction of the OCB that they were unable to obtain, in the first instance, certified organic feedstuffs.

Section 6.05.16 of the Standards is amended as follows:

6.05.16 (834.18.2)

Organic feed materials, or feed materials from production in conversion, shall not enter simultaneously with the same feed materials produced by non-organic means into the composition of the organic feed product.