



# IRISH ORGANIC ASSOCIATION

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## APPLICATION FORM FOR NON-LAND BASED PRODUCTION

The Irish Organic Association Symbol is awarded to operators involved in non-land based production (e.g. mushrooms, wheatgrass, plug plants etc.), further processing and packing who can demonstrate that their operations and product sources meet the current edition of Organic Food and Farming Standards in Ireland.

### SECTION 1: COMPANY DETAILS

Applicant Name: _____	
Company Trading Name (if different): _____	
Company Registration No.: _____	
Contact Name: _____	
Company Address: _____ _____	
_____ Eircode (compulsory): _____	
Phone: _____	Mobile: _____
Website: _____	Email: _____
What is the current annual turnover of your company?	
What is the estimated first year turnover of products for which you are applying for a licence?	
How many employees do you have (as full time equivalents)?	
Address of Growing Site (if different): _____ _____	
_____ Eircode: _____	
Contact Name: _____	Phone: _____
<i>Please enclose site maps indicating activities carried out at each location (i.e. growing, packing).</i>	

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**Please read the Certification Agreement and Declaration at the back of this form (Section 6) and sign below to confirm that you understand and agree to adhere to it (If the Licence is being applied for in more than one name, each person must sign below)**



SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note:** You must not put on the market any product before it has been certified by Irish Organic Association and is on your current Licence (ref. 1.04 Organic Food and Farming Standards in Ireland Edition 2)



**SECTION 2: CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION DETAILS**

For what purposes do you require an IOA Licence? Please tick all relevant boxes below.  
 Production     Processing     Packing     Storing     Wholesaling     Distributing  
 Retailing     Importing (from within EU)     Importing (from outside EU)  
 Other (specify here)

Is the premises registered as a food/growing business with the relevant authority (e.g. DAFM/HSE) in relation to the product/process in question? Yes  No   
If Yes, give details and enclose a copy of the registration/approval to this form:

If granted an Irish Organic Association Licence where do you intend to use the IOA symbol?  
 Label                                       Packaging                                       Website  
 Promotional Material                       Other (specify below)

Do you already hold a current Organic Licence? Yes  No   
If Yes, give details and enclose a copy of the licence to this form:

Have you ever been certified by another organic certification body? Yes  No   
If Yes, did the certification body revoke your licence? Yes  No   
If Yes, give details:

Give details of any trade organisations of which you are a member:

Do you hold any third party accreditation (e.g. BRC, ISO)? Yes  No   
If Yes, give details and enclose a copy of the accreditation certificate to this form:

**SECTION 3: PRODUCTION AND PRODUCT DETAILS**

For what species do you require an Irish Organic Association Licence?

What is the total size of the growing area (m<sup>2</sup>)? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the size of the proposed organic growing area (m<sup>2</sup>)? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the estimated yield quantity of fresh organic products per year (kg)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Give details in the table below of the source of seeds and the constituents of the Substrate/Medium used for production.

Description	% (w/a)	Supplier	Details of organic certification or chemical treatment where applicable

Give details of any pest control/fumigation/sterilisation measures used in growing houses during cultivation/growing and between batches:



## **SECTION 4: PROCESS DETAILS**

**Describe the entire process covered by this application (growing/harvesting/packing etc.):**

Please enclose a flow chart and draft labels/dispatch documentation which will accompany the finished product from this process.

**What other, non-organic products are handled by the operator on this application?**

**Do any of these products contain genetically modified organisms or derivatives thereof?**

Yes

No

If Yes, give details and explain segregation measures in place to prevent cross-contamination to organic products:

**Where applicable, give details of measures in place to prevent cross-contamination between non-organic and organic goods at all stages of the process – e.g. growing houses, packing area, processing, finished goods storage, dispatch.**

**An effective cleaning system must be in place to include growing houses, storage warehouses, equipment, packing lines and transportation vehicles. All food contact surfaces must be rinsed with potable water prior to organic food processing; full records to verify this must be available for inspection.**

Briefly describe cleaning system employed at the premises and list any cleaning chemicals used on food contact surfaces:

## **SECTION 5: RECORDS**

Please tick to confirm that the following procedures/records/information will be available for inspection by Irish Organic Association if required:

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purchases/Sales                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier Organic Certs     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-contractor Details |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compost Specification                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Picking/Harvesting Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Packing/Production     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traceability                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Stock Control              | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Packaging Specifications                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Complaints        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pest Control           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Product Recall (must include IOA contact details) | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory Audit Reports   |   |



## **SECTION 6: CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION**

By signing page 1 of this form each signatory hereby declares, understands and agrees that:

- All the information supplied in this form is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate, and that all relevant information has been supplied.
- I have read the Organic Food and Farming Standards in Ireland Edition 2 and confirm that the provisions of the relevant standards contained therein have been observed **from the date of application** and will be henceforth. I also agree to comply with all Standards including any updates that are published by Irish Organic Association\* (IOA).
- I will allow IOA inspectors and other authorised personnel full access to my operation and sub-contractors and relevant records and documents during normal working hours, in order that they can check compliance with the IOA Standards. Inspection visits will normally be arranged at a mutually convenient time, but spot check/unannounced inspections may be carried out. I agree to the exchange of information between IOA and any other Organic Certification Body (OCB) involved in the certification of my products through my own certification and that of sub-contractors. If I change OCB I accept the transmission of my organic file in its entirety to the subsequent OCB.
- I will provide any information requested by the inspector and certification staff in order for an accurate assessment of my operation to be made. I accept that information pertaining to my participation in the IOA organic certification process may be released to the relevant Competent Authority (DAFM/NICA) and/or the Irish National Accreditation Board, and that representatives from the aforementioned may attend inspections as observers. I understand that IOA will treat all information received in the strictest confidence.
- I will allow IOA inspectors or authorised personnel to take samples (for example meat, soil, grain and plant material) from my holding/enterprise, and pass these on to third parties for testing. I understand that IOA will treat all information received in the strictest confidence.
- I understand the requirements and obligations of my Licence with IOA. I accept that any breach of the IOA Standards could lead to the termination of my Licence. Where corrective action is required in order for my Licence to be issued/renewed I agree to undertake this corrective action in a timely manner to ensure compliance with the IOA Standards. I also agree that I may have to incur additional inspections to demonstrate compliance with IOA's Standards at my own expense.
- If I wish to lapse from IOA's Inspection & Certification Scheme I will undertake to provide written notice at least 1 month before the Licence expiry date.
- I accept that if my Licence with IOA is suspended, withdrawn or terminated (by choice or as a result of enforcement) I must discontinue to use any and all labelling, packaging and advertising/marketing material that contains any reference to IOA and must return any in-date Licences and Certificates of Registration to IOA within a specified timeframe and that DAFM/NICA (and IOA where applicable) will be notified immediately. I undertake to inform in writing the buyers of any affected product in order to ensure that the indications referring to the organic production method are removed where applicable. I accept that IOA will retain my file for a minimum of five years after withdrawal/termination/lapsing of my Licence.
- I agree to inform IOA immediately of any irregularity or infringement affecting the organic status of my products or organic products received from other operators or sub-contractors.
- If I am required to provide a copy of my Licence or Certificate of Registration to another party the documents will be reproduced in their entirety.
- I will fully comply with the labelling requirements when referring to organic production, or when using the IOA Symbol on any of the labelling, packaging or advertising/marketing material. I understand that the IOA Symbol is a registered trademark and must only be used in association with the fully organic products listed on my Licence or Certificate of Registration.
- I will ensure that the IOA trademark is not used in a misleading manner and is only portrayed in accordance with published guidelines and only in relation to products/processes consistent with the scope of my certification.
- I agree to keep a register of all complaints received along with what action has been taken to close out the complaint and retain all documents in relation to complaints received. I will allow IOA personnel access to all areas and records for the investigation of any complaints received.
- I will pay all licencing fees, as notified by IOA, in accordance with its terms of business. I also accept that other fees may apply if additional inspections are required, or if an agreed inspection date is cancelled within less than five working days' notice.
- I declare that I have not been convicted of an offence under the Animal Remedies Act 1993 or related Orders, nor have I been convicted of any offences in relation to my agricultural/food/product processing activities.

Having checked the information recorded in this form, I am satisfied that, to the best of my knowledge, the information supplied is correct and has been accurately recorded. I undertake to inform IOA in a timely manner of any changes in relation to my operation that may affect my Licence or my ability to comply with the certification requirements.



**SECTION 7: Data Protection**

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I wish to be listed on the IOA Public Database of members (which displays my name, phone number, product type, enterprise type and organic symbol status):	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
I wish to receive the IOA newsletter via email: Email Address: _____	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
I wish to receive text messages regarding IOA news, updates and upcoming farm walks and events:      Mobile no: _____	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

**CHECKLIST**

**PLEASE READ THIS CHECKLIST AND TICK THE ITEMS YOU ARE ENCLOSING**

***Mandatory Documents/Information to be enclosed:***

- *Completed Application Form in full*
- *Application Fee*
- *Site Map/Plan*

***Enclose, where applicable:***

- *ORG1 Form (for Republic of Ireland applications only)*
- *Current Organic Licence*
- *Third Party Accreditation Certificate*
- *Evidence of food/feed business registration*
- *Labels (Proposed/Draft)*
- *Flow Chart*

***METHOD OF PAYMENT (PLEASE TICK)***

- *ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER (DIRECT TO BANK)*
- *CREDIT CARD/DEBIT CARD*
- *CHEQUE/BANK DRAFT/POSTAL ORDER (ENCLOSED)*
- *CASH – do not send cash in the post,  
please deliver in person to our office in Athlone*

**THE FORM AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS SHOULD EMAILED TO [info@irishoa.ie](mailto:info@irishoa.ie)  
ALTERNATIVELY IT CAN BE POSTED TO:**

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