



DEROGATION FOR RESTRICTED VETERINARY PRACTICES

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Date of Request: _____

This document forms part of your documentary evidence demonstrating compliance with EU Organic Regulation (EU 848/2018) and section 3.04.17-29 of the Organic Food & Farming Standards in Ireland-Edition 2. The Livestock Management Plan as referenced in section 3 of the Standards 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, 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 your Organic Control Body (Please circle): **IOA** **OT**

Name: _____	Licence No: _____
Address: _____ _____	Herd/Flock No: _____
	Phone No: _____
	Email Address: _____

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 Veterinary 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 MUST BE USED	
Dehorning only to be undertaken in exceptional circumstances by Veterinary Surgeon and always under 6 months of age – ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED. Animals de-horned over the age of 6 months will lose their organic/in-conversion status.	
Non-surgical castration of a bull no more than 6 months of age. ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED. Animals castrated over the age of 6 months will lose their organic/in-conversion status.	
Castration through use of rubber ring is permitted within 8 days of birth. ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED	
Restricted Practice – Sheep and Goats	
Disbudding of a sheep or goat within 8 days of birth. ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED	
Non-surgical castration of a ram no more than 3 months of age. ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED	
Non-surgical castration of a goat no more than 2 months of age. ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED	
<p><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>To be completed by Veterinary Practitioner.</p> <p>Use of analgesia/anaesthetic waived 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>Accepted by Veterinary Practitioner</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Veterinary Practitioner Address/contact details/practice stamp:</p> <p>_____</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 MUST BE USED	
Teeth Clipping within 8 days of birth. ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED	
Restricted Practice – Deer	
Castration through use of rubber ring is permitted within 8 days of birth ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED	
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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RESTRICTED VETERINARY PRACTICES DEROGATION continued

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 3 of the Organic Food and Farming Standards in Ireland Edition 2 and I understand that restricted practices are in place to contribute to improved animal welfare.

No restricted veterinary practices will be carried out on my stock prior to receiving notification of authorisation from my Organic Control Body. I understand that all authorisations will be subject to inspection by my Organic Control Body at the animal inspection of my holding.

SIGNED BY THE LICENCE HOLDER:

<u>For office use only:</u>	Derogation Approved: YES / NO
OCB Signed: _____	Date to DAFM: _____
DAFM Signed: _____	Date Processed: _____
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