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Irish Organic Farmers and Growers Association

Application Form under the IOFGA Symbol Scheme for Mushroom Production

This application covers: compost manufacture, mushroom cultivation, further processing and packing.

A. APPLICANT

Company Name: _____

Contact Person (if not the same as above): _____

Company Address: _____

Company Registration Number: _____

Tel No: _____ **Fax No:** _____

Name of person who directly controls day-to-day organic operations: _____

Have you ever been certified by another certification body: Yes () No ()

Did previous certification body revoke your licence: Yes () No ()

If Yes, Please state the reasons: _____

For the purpose of inspection and Approval by IOFGA the process of mushroom production is divided into,

- (a) Compost Manufacture*
- (b) Cultivation*
- (c) Packing & Marketing*

B. COMPOST MANUFACTURE
-including Spawning and Incubation

1. (i) Address of Compost Supplier (if different from above)

(ii) Telephone No. _____

2. Briefly describe the process of mushroom compost manufacture listing all the ingredients used.

3. Can you provide audited evidence of the source of supply of all ingredients?

Yes () No ()

4. Are pesticides, herbicides or selective fungicides incorporated or added to the compost or spawn at any stage?

Yes () No ()

If so, state which: _____

5. (a) Does the compost manufacture intend to apply for the IOFGA Symbol for ALL of the product or for only SOME (i.e. only that product intended for Symbol Holder mushroom growers)?

(b) State:

i) appropriate quantities _____

ii) number of growers supplied _____

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6. **ANALYSIS**

Symbol Applicants are required to send samples of the mushroom compost, both BEFORE and AFTER pasteurisation and conditioning for analysis, of (at least) the following heavy metals: Cobalt, Nickel, Lead, Cadmium manganese, Iron, Zinc and Copper. The results of the analysis must be available at Inspection. Further analysis may be requested by the IOFGA Certification Panel. ALL analysis must be paid for by the Applicant.

C. CULTIVATION

7. (i) What is the total size of the mushroom growing area? (m sq): _____

(ii) Size of mushroom area proposed for organic production? (m sq): _____

(iii) Briefly describe the system of growing and harvesting the mushrooms,
(Please attach extra pages if necessary):

(iv) Please attach a flow chart to demonstrate the system outlined at (iii) above.

8. Are pesticides, herbicides or selective fungicides used at any stage? Y () N ()
If yes, please supply a list:

9. Does fumigation/ Sterilisation take place between batches? Y () N ()
If so what chemical or other agents are used:

PACKING AND MARKETING

10. Approximately what quantity of fresh mushrooms will be produced/annum? _____ Kgs/Tonnes

11. The symbol is required for: (Please tick where appropriate)

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| (i) Fresh market mushrooms - | Agaricus bisporus | () |
| | Flats | () |
| | Buttons | () |
| (ii) A processed mushroom product- | Soups | () |
| | Salads | () |
| | Canning/bottling | () |
| | Other (specify) | _____ |

(iii) Other edible fungi (specify) _____

12. What provision (if applicable) is made for the separation of Symbol and Non- Symbol produce?

13. What retail outlets do you intend to supply to with your Symbol Product(s)?

14. If granted an IOFGA Licence, how do you intend to use the Symbol, on:

Label ()

Packaging ()

Promotional/point of sale material ()

(Note: Any labels, packaging, or promotional materials using or referring to the Symbol or IOFGA must be approved by IOFGA before the licence is granted)

15. Is production of organic products carried out on a continuous, seasonal or occasional basis?

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DECLARATION

I hereby declare 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 have read the IOFGA Standards for Organic Food & Farming in Ireland 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 in the Certification News or other official documentation
 - I will allow IOFGA inspectors and other authorised personnel full access to my operation and relevant records, including financial, and documents during normal working hours, in order that they can check compliance with the IOFGA Standards. Inspection visits will normally be arranged at a mutually convenient time, but spot check/ unannounced inspections may be carried out.
 - 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 understand that IOFGA will treat all information received in the strictest confidence.
 - I will allow IOFGA inspectors or authorised personnel to take samples (for example meat, soil, grain, and plant material) from the holding, and pass these on to third parties for testing. I understand that IOFGA will treat all information received in the strictest confidence.
 - I will fully comply with the labelling requirements when referring to organic production, or when using the IOFGA Symbol on any of the packaging or marketing material. I understand that IOFGA symbol is a registered trademark and must only be used in association with the fully organic products listed on your licences or certificate of registration.
 - I will ensure that the IOFGA trademark is not used in a misleading manner, and is only portrayed in accordance with published guidelines.
 - I understand the requirements and obligations of my licence with IOFGA. I am fully aware that any breach of the IOFGA 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 to verify compliance with the IOFGA Standards. I also agree that I may have to incur additional inspections to demonstrate compliance with IOFGA's Standards at my own expense.
 - I will pay all licensing fees, as published by IOFGA, in accordance with its terms of business. I also understand 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.
 - If I wish to lapse from IOFGA's Inspection & Certification Scheme I will undertake to provide written notice at least 1 month before the license expiry date.
- § I/We declare that I/We have not been convicted of an offence under the Animal Remedies Acts 1993 or related Orders, nor have I/We been convicted of any offences in relation to my/our agricultural activities.

Having checked the information recorded in this application 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 IOFGA of any major changes that may be made from time to time and to correct any specified deviation or irregularity or supply the information required.

FULL NAME(S) in Block Capitals: _____

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____