

# Organic Farmers & Growers

## Record Sheet 21 - Non-organic Livestock Approval Application Form

### Notes:

1. To be completed by all OF&G producers seeking approval to bring-in non-organic animals;
2. Please answer all the relevant questions and sign and date box 'Statement by Producer';
3. All requirements for introducing non-organic animals can be found in Certification Manual 8.3;
4. For cattle the maximum % of non-organic, nulliparous, animals to be introduced as replacement breeding animals is 10%. For sheep, goats and pigs the maximum % is 20%;
5. Where you wish to increase the numbers in point 4 to a maximum of 40% (under specific conditions, see below, see note 6) the application and all supporting information must be approved by Defra prior to purchase of the animals;
6. Where you wish to increase the number of non-organic animals brought in to the holding (point 5) it must comply with one of the following conditions for authorisation:
  - When a major extension to the farm is undertaken;
    - i. The land area of the holding has been significantly increased;
    - ii. The herd or flock is being increased significantly due to special circumstances.
  - When a breed is changed;
  - When a new livestock specialisation is initiated;
  - When breeds are in danger of being lost to farming, in this case the breeds do not need to be nulliparous .

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| <b>Producer:</b> | <b>Registration Number:</b> |
| <b>Address:</b>  |                             |

### Farm Details

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| Species and breed of animals on farm                                      |  |
| How many adult breeding animals* were in the flock/herd on 1 January?     |  |
| How many non-organic animals have already been purchased since 1 January? |  |

### Approval Details

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| Breed(s) required to be brought in                            |  |
| How many nulliparous** breeding animals are to be brought in? |  |
| What age will these be?                                       |  |
| Date animals to be brought in                                 |  |

### Evidence for Approval (please complete one or both boxes below)

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| Names and contact details of at least three suppliers that have been contacted in attempts to source the organic animals, and dates contacted |  |
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| <p>Has an advert been posted on a recognised organic marketplace (<a href="https://ofgorganic.org/classifieds/post-an-advert">https://ofgorganic.org/classifieds/post-an-advert</a>) for at least five working days without a response?</p> <p>(please provide details of the advert, marketplace used and dates posted).</p> |  |
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### Justification for Approval

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| Information as to why you are introducing non-organic animals on to the farm within the 10% and 20% (see note 4) requirements   |              |
| If you are increasing the number of brought in non-organic animals from those above (10% and 20%), please provide Information as to why it is necessary to introduce over the permitted % of non-organic animal/s on the farm, and why available organic animals are not suitable (see note 5 and 6). |              |
| <p>*Adult breeding animal = All stock that have given birth, and stock in their first pregnancy.</p> <p>** Nulliparous animal = an animal that may be pregnant but has not before given birth.</p>  |              |
| <p><b>Statement by Producer:</b></p> <p>I confirm that the above information is correct.</p>  | <p>Name:</p> |
|   | <p>Date:</p> |

### Office Use:

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| Date Application Received:                      |  |           |  |
| Date Approved by CB:                            |  |           |  |
| Reasons/Conditions for Approval:                |  |           |  |
| CB Declaration:                                 | <p><b><i>In our role as this operator's Control Body, we have reviewed this application and agree that the organic livestock required is not available on the GB market and that the operator has done all they reasonably can to source it. It is our view that this application is justified and should be approved.</i></b></p> |           |  |
| Approved By:                                    |  | Position: |  |
| Signature:                                      |  | Date:     |  |
| Date Application Sent to Defra (if applicable): |  |           |  |