

Application for Feed Derogation due to extreme climatic conditions

Use this form to request a derogation for the requirements of the organic feed standards for certified operators certified to the *Australian Certified Organic Standard*; ACO will consider allowing up to 25% untreated, non-contaminating, non-organic stock feed for eligible producers experiencing severe climatic conditions such as prolonged drought.

This derogation is not applicable to the *National Standard for Organic and Biodynamic Produce*, any international organic standards and regulations (NOP, JAS etc.), for products intended for export, or for products intended to be used as ingredients in exported products.

Upon approval for the derogation application, ACO will amend your existing certificate to reflect 'Domestic only' status for relevant products.

Producer Declaration:

I _____ of _____

NAME

TRADING NAME

- Have not been able to source organic or in conversion feed in quantities sufficient to maintain health of certified livestock.
- Am currently experiencing prolonged or severe drought (or other extreme climatic conditions), as declared by the relevant state government department.
- Understand that the upper daily limit of 25% based on dry matter mass applies.
- Intend to source the following non-organic feed from the following suppliers (please list type of feed and supplier/s):

- Have attached supporting documentation to verify the feed source is non-contaminating (either supplier declaration that the feed is untreated and GMO free or broad-spectrum residue test results. The residue test must include at least Organophosphates, Organochlorines, and Synthetic Pyrethroids).
- Hereby declare the following existing or potential buyers of organic livestock or livestock products:

- Understand that derogation is from the Australian Certified Organic Standard only. Livestock and livestock products must not be exported, nor used as ingredients in exported products. The products in question, _____ (list here), are NOT compliant with the *National Standard for Organic and Biodynamic Produce*, which contain the legal requirements for exporting as organic. It is illegal to export Domestic Only product as organic.

Intend to manage identity preservation of Domestic Only products (and differentiation from export-eligible product) in the following way (e.g. labelling, representation as “Organic Domestic Only: Not for Export” on sales invoices and NVD’s, identification and recordkeeping of Domestic Only livestock, etc.):

- Understand that in order to bring animals back into export-eligible certification, a minimum period of six months compliant, organic (or in conversion) feeding is required, that feed records must demonstrate this, and an audit will be carried out by ACO.
- Understand that if parallel production of ACOS Domestic-Only and export-eligible livestock becomes a concern, additional auditing (at the operator’s expense) may be required.
- Understand that it is my responsibility to maintain feed records and calculations that are auditable, and sufficient to demonstrate that the 25% limit to non-organic feed has not been exceeded.
- Understand that ‘Domestic only’ status of product must be notified to buyers and relevant parties.

Upon submission of this signed form, and following review of eligibility, the livestock and livestock products identified above will have *National Standard* certification withdrawn, and be assigned the certification category “ACO Domestic Only” under the Australian Certified Organic Standard.

Signature _____ **Date** / / _____.

Print name _____

Please send completed application form to info@aco.net.au