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**Title:** Drought Feeding Derogation Extension

## Background

Australian Organic Limited, as owner of the Australian Certified Organic Standard, made available a Derogation from the livestock feeding requirements, due to ongoing extreme drought conditions throughout much of Australia, in March 2019.

The conditions of the Derogation as published previously, are:

***In extenuating circumstances, such as prolonged drought, up to 25% (by mass) of the daily agricultural origin dry matter feed intake may be from non organic sources, where suitable risk management procedures, such as GMO and pesticide residue testing, has been conducted on the non organic feed component, and with approval from the Certification Body.***

Due to drought conditions continuing in many areas of Australia, and yield expectations for being further downgraded, an extension of the Derogation was provided in November 2019, in the form of Notification 1904.

While rain has come to many parts of Australia since then, it is expected to be many months before organic feed shortages ease. For this reason, the Derogation will be further extended until November 2020.

## Guidance

The availability of the above Derogation has been extended until November 2020. The situation will be re-assessed, and an update provided during, or before November 2020.

## Implementation

The above changes come into effect immediately upon publishing of this Notification.

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