ACO can grant temporary derogations from certain requirements to operators when production has been impacted by catastrophic circumstances. Catastrophic circumstances include adverse climatic events such as heavy rain or drought, animal diseases, environmental incidents, and natural or man-made disasters.

ACO can recognise a situation as catastrophic circumstances based on a statement issued by the relevant authorities of the country in which the situation occurs, where available. If such a statement is not available, recognition can also be based on other relevant data provided by official organisations justifying the catastrophic circumstances.

Please complete and return this form to the ACO office alongside all relevant supporting information to request a derogation due to catastrophic circumstances.

**Section A: Operation Details**

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| **Business Name:** |  |
| **Certification No.:** |  |

**Section B: Recognition of Catastrophic Circumstances**

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| **Please describe your current situation below, including justification for why it can be recognised as catastrophic circumstances.** |
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**Section C: Derogation Information**

Please select the derogations that you are applying for and complete the required information for each.

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|[ ]  *1. By way of derogation from point 1.8.1 of Part I of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848, for the production of plants and plant products other than plant reproductive material, non-organic plant reproductive material may be used when the use of organic or in-conversion plant reproductive material is not possible.* |
| **Type:** | [ ]  Seeds.[ ]  Seedlings.[ ]  Other. Please describe:  |
| **Supplier Name:** |  |
| **Common Name:** |  |
| **Latin Name:** |  |
| **Variety:** |  |
| **Supplier Non-GM Statement Attached?** | [ ]  Yes.[ ]  No. |
| **Supplier Treatment Statement Attached?***Must indicate whether the seed / planting stock is treated or untreated. If treated, the substances used must be identified.* | [ ]  Yes.[ ]  No. |

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|[ ]  *2. By way of derogation from point 1.3.1 of Part II of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848, the herd or flock may be renewed or reconstituted with non-organic animals in the case of high mortality of animals and when organically reared animals are not available.* |
| **Common Name:** |  |
| **Latin Name (Species and Genus):** |  |
| **Breed / Strain:** |  |
| **Production Purpose:***Meat, milk, eggs, breeding, etc.* |  |

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|[ ]  *3. By way of derogation from point 1.4.1(b) of Part II of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848, livestock may be fed with non-organic feed instead of organic or in-conversion feed, when feed production is lost or restrictions are imposed.* |
| **Please describe below how livestock rations will deviate from those described in your Organic Integrity Plan for the duration of the requested derogation:** |
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| **Non-Organic Feed Supplier Name:** |  |
| **Non-Organic Feed Name:** |  |
| **Full Ingredient Breakdown Attached?** | [ ]  Yes.[ ]  No. |
| **Supplier Non-GM Statement Attached?** | [ ]  Yes.[ ]  No. |

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|[ ]  *4. By way of derogation from points 1.4.2.1, 1.6.3 and 1.6.4 of Part II of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848, when the production unit of livestock is affected, the grazing on organic land, the stocking density in buildings and minimum surfaces for indoor and outdoor areas as laid down in an implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 14(3) of that Regulation may be adapted.* |
| **Please describe below how livestock grazing practices and stocking densities will deviate from those described in your Organic Integrity Plan for the duration of the requested derogation:** |
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|[ ]  *5. By way of derogation from point 1.9.1.1(f) of Part II of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848, when feed production is lost or when restrictions are imposed, the percentage of the dry matter consisting of roughage, fresh or dried fodder, or silage in daily rations may be reduced, provided that the animal’s nutritional requirements at the various stages of its development are met.* |
| **Please describe below how livestock rations will deviate from those described in your Organic Integrity Plan for the duration of the requested derogation:** |
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|[ ]  *6. By way of derogation from point 1.9.6.2(b) of Part II of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848, where the survival of the colony is endangered for other reasons than climatic conditions, bee colonies may be fed with organic honey, organic pollen, organic sugar syrups, or organic sugar.* |
| **Supplier Name:** |  |
| **Feed Material Name:** |  |
| **Supplier’s Organic Certificate Attached?** | [ ]  Yes.[ ]  No. |

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|[ ]  *7. By way of derogation from points 1.9.6.5(a) and (c) of Part II of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848, where the survival of the colony is endangered, bee colonies may be moved to areas not respecting the provisions for the placing of the apiaries.* |
| **Updated Beekeeping Hive Sites Spreadsheet Attached?** | [ ]  Yes.[ ]  No. |
| **Updated Hive Site Maps Attached?** | [ ]  Yes.[ ]  No. |

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|[ ]  *8. By way of derogation from the implementing act adopted pursuant to Article 24(9) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 and establishing in particular the conditions for use of products and substances authorised in organic production, sulphur dioxide may be used in the making of products of the wine sector, up to the maximum content set out in Part B of Annex I to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/934 when the sanitary status of organic grapes obliges the winemaker to use more sulphur dioxide than in previous years to obtain a comparable final product.* |
| **List of affected products / vintages:** |  |

**Section D: Length of Derogation**

Derogations due to catastrophic circumstances may only be granted for as long as is necessary to recommence organic production, and in any case no longer 12 months.

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| **What is the requested duration for the selected derogations (max. 12 months)?** |
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**Signature**

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