Organic crops should be grown from organic seed or planting material. If organic seed or planting material is not commercially available, you may request approval from ACO to use non-organic seed or planting material instead. Please complete and return this form to the ACO office to request approval to use non-organic seed or planting material.

**Note:** Non-organic annual seedlings cannot be approved under the EU or NOP programs, except in exceptional circumstances. Please contact the ACO office for further information.

**Section A: Operation Details**

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

**Section B: Seed/ Planting Material Information**

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| **Type:** | Seeds  Seedlings  Other. Please describe: |
| **Supplier Name:** |  |
| **Common Name:** |  |
| **Latin Name:** |  |
| **Variety:** |  |
| **Quantity:**  *Weight of seeds or number of plants.* |  |
| **Supplier Non-GM Statement Attached?** | Yes  No |
| **Supplier Treatment Statement Attached?**  *Must indicate whether the seed / planting material is treated or untreated. If treated, the substances used must be identified.*  *In the case of seedlings, include an explanation of how seedlings intended for organic use are excluded from any treatment with synthetic pesticides intended for conventional seedlings.* | Yes  No |
| **Have you already planted the crop?** | Yes, Date/s planted: |
| No |

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| **ACOS & NS Only: If seed / planting material is treated with a prohibited substance, please describe how you intend to remove the prohibited substance prior to planting.** |
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**Section C: Commercial Availability Information**

Please provide written evidence of your attempts to source equivalent organic seed / planting material, including records of contact with three or more relevant organic suppliers, where possible.

Evidence for each attempt may include letters, email correspondence, website / catalogue searches, organic database searches, results from on-farm trials of organic seed / planting material, *etc.*

**List the suppliers that you contacted in the table below:**

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| **Minimum of three organic attempts per planting material:** | | | |
| **Supplier Name** | **Certified Organic By** | **Reason for Unavailability**  *Please ensure details are provided to confirm if the seed was not available in the quality or quantity needed. Insufficient detail will be rejected.* | **Evidence attached** |
|  |  |  | ☐ Yes  ☐ No |
|  |  |  | ☐ Yes  ☐ No |
|  |  |  | ☐ Yes  ☐ No |

Add lines if necessary.

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| **Any other additional information/ comments to support a non-organic planting material request:** |
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**Signature**

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| **Name:** |  | **Position:** |  |
| **Signature:** |  | **Date:** |  |