

Section 2 Definitions

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2.1 Definitions of Terms

2.1.01	Applicant	An organisation or person who has applied for, but has not yet been granted, a Certificate of Registration.
2.1.02	Approved Body	A Certification Body holding a valid Certificate of Registration, whose Certification Scheme has been approved by the Certifying Authority.
2.1.03	Approved Producer	A business enterprise or person holding a valid Certificate of Registration for: i) The production of organically produced agricultural products or ii) The processing and/or manufacturing and/or preserving and/or packaging of organically produced agricultural products.
2.1.04	Certain products used in animal nutrition	Nutritional products within the scope of Council Directive 82/471/EEC of 30 June 1982 concerning certain products used in animal nutrition.
2.1.05	Certificate of Compliance	A certificate issued under a separate serial number to approved operators recognising that their operational procedures and practices for a given range of products having been assessed are in accordance with the Standards in this Control Manual.
2.1.06	Certification Scheme	The Scheme operated by the Certification body designed to certify conformity with the operating procedures and standards as defined in this Manual.
2.1.07	Certifying Authority	The Certifying Authority is Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs).
2.1.08	Composting	The process whereby materials are fermented aerobically in order to encourage the breeding of bacteria and to kill off weed seeds and pathogens. The heap should heat up to a temperature of at least 60°C.
2.1.09	Compound feedstuffs	Products as defined in Article 2(b) of Directive 79/373/EEC.
2.1.10	Conventional feedstuffs/feed materials	Feedstuffs/feed materials not produced in accordance with the rules of production specified in section 7 of this Manual.
2.1.11	Detergents	Substances and preparations, within the meaning of Council Directive 73/404/EEC of 22 November 1973 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to detergents, as last amended by Directive 86/94/EEC, which are intended to be used for cleaning unprocessed crop products, livestock and unprocessed livestock products which have been organically produced.
2.1.12	EN45011/ISO65	International criteria established for bodies operating certification systems for products and services, to which all organic certification bodies must either be accredited or demonstrate that their operating systems are equivalent.

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2.1.13	Feed additives	Products as defined in Article 2(a) of Council Directive 70/524/EEC of 23 November 1970 concerning additives in feedingstuffs (OJ L 270, 14.12.1970, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 45/1999 - OJ L 6, 21.1.1999, p3).
2.1.14	Feedingstuffs	Products as defined in Article 2(a) of Council Directive 79/373/EEC of 2 April 1979 on the marketing of compound feedingstuffs (OJ L 86, 6.4.1979, p. 30. Directive as amended by Directive 98/87/EC - OJ L 318, 27.11.1998, p 43).
2.1.15	Feed materials	Products as defined in Article 2(a) of Council Directive 96/25/EC of 29 April 1996 on the circulation of feed materials, amending Directives 70/524/EEC, 74/63/EEC, 82/471/EEC and 93/74/EEC and repealing Directive 77/101/ EEC - OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 35. Directive as amended by Directive 98/67/EC - OJ L 261, 24.9.1998, p10).
2.1.16	Genetically modified organism (GMO)	<p>Any organism as defined in Article 2 of Council Directive 90/220/EEC of 23 April 1990 on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms. Techniques of genetic modification referred to in Article 2(2)(I) are inter alia:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recombinant DNA techniques using vector systems as previously covered by Council Recommendation 82/472/EEC; 2. Techniques involving the direct introduction into an organism of heritable material prepared outside the organism including micro-injection, macro-injection and micro-encapsulation; 3. Cell fusion (including protoplast fusion) or hybridisation techniques where live cells with new combinations of heritable genetic material are formed through the fusion of two or more cells by means of methods that do not occur naturally. <p>PART 2</p> <p>Techniques referred to in Article 2(2)(ii) which are not considered to result in genetic modification, on condition that they do not involve the use of recombinant DNA molecules or GMOs, are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. in vitro fertilisation, 2. conjugation, transduction, transformation or any other natural process, 3. polyploidy induction.
2.1.17	GMO derivative	Any substance which is either produced from or produced by GMOs, but does not contain them.
2.1.18	Not allocated	
2.1.19	Holding	The in-conversion, organic and conventional units managed by an agricultural business (defined as a legally defined company, partnership or sole trader responsible for its own accounts and tax returns).

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2.1.20	Homeopathic veterinary medicinal products	Products as defined in Article 1(1) of Council Directive 92/74/EEC of 22 September 1992, widening the scope of Directive 81/851/EEC on the approximation of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to veterinary medicinal products and laying down additional provisions on homeopathic veterinary medicinal products (OJ L 297, 13.10.1992, p12).
2.1.21	Not allocated	
2.1.22	In-conversion feedingstuffs / feed materials	Feedingstuffs/feed materials produced on land complying with the rules of production laid down in section 7.3 that have been through a conversion period of at least 12 months.
2.1.23	Ingredients	The substances, including additives, used in the preparation of processed agricultural crop and livestock products intended for human consumption, prepared essentially from one or more ingredients of plant or animal origin, as defined in Article 6(4) of Directive 79/112/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs for sale to the ultimate consumer.
2.1.24	Inspector	A person who holds a valid Certificate of Registration as an Approved Inspector issued by the Certifying Authority.
2.1.25	Inspection Service	An independent Inspection Service appointed, or operated directly, by an Approved Body and approved by the Certifying Authority or an Inspection Service appointed by the Certifying Authority to carry out inspections on its behalf.
2.1.26	Irregularity	See Non-compliance
2.1.27	ISO65	See EN45011.
2.1.28	Labelling	Any words, particulars, trade marks, brand names, pictorial matter or symbols appearing on any packaging, document, notice, label, board or collar accompanying or referring to a product.
2.1.29	Licensee	An Operator who has been granted a Certificate of Compliance.
2.1.30	List of ingredients	The list of ingredients referred to in Article 6 of Directive 79/112/EEC.
2.1.31	Livestock production	The production of domestic or domesticated terrestrial animals (including insects) and aquatic species farmed in fresh, salt or brackish water. The products of hunting and fishing of wild animals shall not be considered as organic production.
2.1.32	Logo	The symbol or mark of conformity issued to Licensees by the Certification Body for use on products registered with the Scheme.

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2.1.33	Manifest Infringement	A serious and chronic failure of the control systems, which will result or has resulted in the integrity of an organic product being compromised. These failures can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The repeated failure to correct previously identified non-compliances; ii) The identification of an unacceptable number of major non-compliances; iii) The marketing or mislabelling of non-organic products as organic products; iv) The substitution of organic products with non-organic products through the failure to maintain adequate control systems; v) The use of prohibited inputs, materials or practices; vi) The contamination of a product by pest control or hygiene chemicals through the failure to maintain adequate control systems.
2.1.34	Marketing	Marketing means holding or displaying for sale, offering for sale, selling, delivering or placing on the market in any other form.
2.1.35	National Organic Program (NOP)	A Certification Programme operating to additional Standards for operators supplying product to the United States, either directly or via processors exporting products to the US, and which demand products produced to the USDA NOP Standards [See section 1.2 & OF&G Technical Leaflet 208 – An Introduction to the National Organic Programme (NOP) for Processors].
2.1.36	Non-compliance	A failure to observe the control systems specified in this Control Manual which may result in the organic integrity of a product or a batch of an organic product being compromised. This can include such failures as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Poor record keeping such that compliance with the requirements of this Control Manual cannot be demonstrated; ii) The failure to observe the detail of the production or processing Standards; iii) The failure to obtain approval to use restricted inputs, products or practices.
2.1.37	Operator	Anyone who produces, prepares, stores or imports from a third country, with a view to the subsequent marketing thereof, products as referred to in section 5, or who markets such products.
2.1.38	Organic-production unit/holding/stockfarm	A unit, holding or stockfarm complying with the rules of this Manual.
2.1.39	Organically produced feedstuffs/materials	Feedingstuffs/feed materials produced in accordance with the rules of production laid down in this Control Manual.
2.1.40	Partnership Programme	A Certification Programme operating to additional Standards for operators supplying product to processors registered with Soil Association Certification Ltd and who demand products produced to the Soil Association Standards.

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2.1.41	Plant Protection Products	Products as defined in Article 2(1) of Council Directive 79/117/EEC of 21 December 1978 prohibiting the placing on the market and use of plant protection products containing certain active substances, as last amended by Directive 89/365/EEC.
2.1.42	Prepackaged foodstuff	Any single item as defined in Article 1 (3) (b) of Directive 79/112/EEC.
2.1.43	Preparation/ Processing	The operations of preserving and/or processing of agricultural products (including slaughter and cutting for livestock products), and also packaging and/or alterations made to the labelling concerning the presentation of the organic production method of the fresh, preserved and/or processed products.
2.1.44	Processing - Simple	Simple Processing must always be on a dedicated organic site. It is normally defined as where raw materials are processed in such a way that traceability and mass balance are not difficult to follow for a Producer Inspector. For example: i) Cleaning; ii) Peeling, chopping and slicing; iii) Packing (including bought in certified products) eg box schemes); iv) Blending (including bought in certified products) where the nature of the product is not changed e.g. muesli; v) Processing of a single organic ingredient where nature is not changed e.g. flour milling; vi) Simple butchery.
2.1.45	Processing - Complex	Complex Processing is defined as where raw materials are processed in such a way that the nature, weight or volume is transformed. Complex processing will require audit by a suitably qualified Inspector to ensure compliance with the standards. For example: i) Cooking involving weight loss(frying, baking, boiling); ii) Dehydration, re-hydration, evaporation; iii) Emulsification; iv) Fermentation. <u>Butchery</u> is regarded as a process and can be either Simple or Complex according to the detail of the process. <u>Abattoirs(Including poultry slaughter)</u> are regarded as Simple when dedicated organic or Complex when not.
2.1.46	Processing – On-farm	An on-farm processor, operating under a producer licence, is permitted to use bought-in organic or permitted non-organic ingredients required to process the products of the farm, provided that such products do not exceed 10% of the combined pre-processing weight of the ingredients of agricultural origin.
2.1.47	Production	Any operations on the holding that involve producing, packing and initially labelling as organic the agricultural products from the holding.
2.1.48	Registered Unit	A unit, or part of a holding or stockfarm complying with the rules of this Regulation.
2.1.49	Shareholder	A paid up shareholder who may or may not be a Licensee.

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2.1.50	Schedule (to the Certificate)	The document accompanying the Certificate of Compliance which specifies: i) The certified production enterprises and areas of land for producers; ii) The certified processing enterprises and products for processors; iii) The certified products, the country of origin and the inspection body for the importers of products from Third Countries.
2.1.51	Simultaneous Conversion (Simcon)	The status of a livestock enterprise that begins its organic management at the same time as the grazing and forage land begins its conversion. Animals born under simultaneous conversion in accordance with the livestock production standards in section 8 can be marketed as 'Reared under Simultaneous Conversion'.
2.1.52	Third Country	A country which is not a member of the European Union.
2.1.53	UKAS	United Kingdom Accreditation Service – The UK body responsible for accrediting certification bodies to EN45011/ISO65 and contracted by Defra in the UK to assess Approved Bodies not accredited with UKAS against EN45011/ISO65.
2.1.54	Use of GMOs and GMO derivatives	The use thereof as foodstuffs, food ingredients (including additives and flavourings), processing aids (including extraction solvents), feedingstuffs, compound feedingstuffs, feed materials, feed additives, processing aids for feedingstuffs, certain products used in animal nutrition (under Directive 82/471/EEC - OJ L 213, 21.7.1982, p. 8. Directive as last amended by Directive 1999/20/EC - OJ L 80, 25.3.1999, p20), plant protection products, veterinary medicinal products, fertilisers, soil conditioners, seeds, vegetative reproductive material and livestock.
2.1.55	Veterinary medicinal products	Products as defined in Article 1(2) of Council Directive 65/65/EEC of 26 January 1965 on the approximation of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to medicinal products (OJ 22, 9.2.1965, p369. Directive as last amended by Directive 93/39/EEC - OJ L 214, 24.8.1993, p22).

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