



DEROGATION FOR RESTRICTED VETERINARY PRACTICES

The current EU organic regulation (EU 834/2007 and 889/2008) states that while mutilations which lead to stress, harm, disease or the suffering of animals are banned, specific operations essential to certain types of production and for the sake of security for animals and human beings may be permitted under restricted conditions. In addition appropriate breeds shall be chosen and shall contribute to the prevention of any suffering and to avoiding the need for the mutilation of animals.

The Livestock Management Plan as referenced in section 4.05.05 of the **IOFGA Organic Food and Farming Standards in Ireland – Edition 1 (January 2012) plus amendments** is contained within your IOFGA Record Book and must be maintained up to date and available for inspection.

If you would like permission to carry out any of the restricted practices detailed below, please refer to section 4.05.28/29 of the **IOFGA Organic Food and Farming Standards in Ireland – Edition 1 (January 2012) plus amendments**, complete the details below and attach relevant supporting documentation:

YOUR NAME:			
LICENCE NUMBER:		DATE:	
YOUR ADDRESS:			
PHONE NUMBER:		EMAIL ADDRESS:	

Any suffering to the animals shall be reduced to a minimum by applying adequate anaesthesia and/or analgesia and by carrying out the operation only at the most appropriate age by qualified personnel.

Restricted Practice – Reference 4.05.29 of the IOFGA Standards	Please Tick
Tail docking of lambs using elastic bands – may be used to improve animal health, welfare and hygiene	
Tail docking – may not be used except by Veterinary Surgeon for therapeutic reasons.	
Disbudding – latest within 3 weeks of birth (except where horns have not emerged or where calf is sick or weak); disbudding with local anaesthetic is mandatory if over 2 weeks.	
Dehorning – by Veterinary Surgeon is permitted only in exceptional circumstances.	
Physical castration (cattle, sheep, pigs) – permitted in order to maintain the quality of products and traditional production practices.	

Practice	Species	Number of Animals	Date action planned	Person who will carry out procedure?	Office Use Only – Approved? Initials/date
Tail docking by elastic band	SHEEP (lambs only)				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> /
Tail docking by other means					Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> /
Disbudding					Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> /
Dehorning					Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> /
Castration					Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> /

DECLARATION

I confirm that all the information supplied in this application form is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and that all relevant information has been supplied.

I confirm that I have read and understood section 4.05 of the IOFGA Organic Food and Farming Standards in Ireland – Edition 1 (January 2012) plus amendments.

No restricted veterinary practices will be carried out on my stock prior to receiving notification of authorisation from IOFGA.

Signed by the Licence Holder:

Please return completed form: By post to: IOFGA, 13 Inish Carraig, Golden Island, Athlone, Co Westmeath, N37 N1W4.

By fax to: 0906-449005

By e-mail to: info@iofga.org