



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, sign the declaration on page 2, attach relevant supporting documentation and submit it to IOFGA:

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

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 - Bovine	Tick
Disbudding of a calf latest within 15 days of birth. (except where horns have not emerged or where calf is sick or weak)	
Dehorning only to be undertaken in exceptional circumstances by Veterinary Surgeon.	
Physical castration of a bull no more than 6 months of age.	
Castration through use of rubber ring is permitted within 8 days of birth.	
Restricted Practice – Sheep and Goats	Tick
Disbudding of a sheep or goat within 8 days of birth.	
Physical castration of a ram no more than 3 months of age.	
Physical castration of a goat no more than 2 months of age.	
Castration through use of rubber ring (for both sheep and goats) is permitted within 8 days of birth.	
Tail docking of sheep within 8 days of birth by use of rubber ring, retaining enough tail to cover the vulva of the female and anus of the male sheep.	
Tail docking of goat within 8 days of birth through use of rubber rings.	
Restricted Practice – Pigs	Tick
Castration of a pig within 8 days of birth by a method that does not involve tearing tissue.	
Tail docking within 8 days of birth.	
Teeth Clipping within 8 days of birth.	
Restricted Practice – Deer	Tick
Castration through use of rubber ring is permitted within 8 days of birth	

PLEASE ENSURE YOU SIGN THE DECLARATION ON PAGE 2 →

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**The trimming of beaks in relation to poultry is not permitted.
 Clipping wings in relation to bees (queens) is prohibited.**

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					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"/> /

Transportation of animals:

Loading and unloading of animals shall be carried out without the use of electrical stimulation to coerce the animals. The use of allopathic tranquillisers, prior to or during transport, is prohibited.

Who can carry out these operations:

Competent Person

Being “competent” in relation to an operation or procedure means—

- (a) being familiar with,
- (b) having the necessary training and experience to successfully carry out,
- (c) having the technical skill to successfully carry out, and
- (d) having the requisite equipment to successfully carry out, the operation or procedure.

The operative must be the owner or person in actual possession of the animal or his or her employee acting under the direction of the owner or person; in actual possession of the animal, and that the procedure is part of, or incidental to, the normal husbandry and management of the animal.

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:.....