

Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 of 5 September 2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control

[^{F1}TITLE II

**RULES ON PRODUCTION, PRESERVATION, PROCESSING,
PACKAGING, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS]**

CHAPTER 2

Livestock production

Section 3

Feed

Article 20

Feed meeting animals' nutritional requirements

- 1 All young mammals shall be fed on maternal milk in preference to natural milk, for a minimum period of three months for bovines including *bubalus* and bison species and equidae, 45 days for sheep and goats and 40 days for pigs.
- 2 Rearing systems for herbivores are to be based on maximum use of grazing pasturage according to the availability of pastures in the different periods of the year. At least 60 % of the dry matter in daily rations of herbivores shall consist of roughage, fresh or dried fodder, or silage. A reduction to 50 % for animals in dairy production for a maximum period of three months in early lactation is allowed.
- 3 Roughage, fresh or dried fodder, or silage shall be added to the daily ration for pigs and poultry.
- 4 The keeping of livestock in conditions, or on a diet, which may encourage anaemia, is prohibited.
- 5 Fattening practices shall be reversible at any stage of the rearing process. Force-feeding is forbidden.

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made to Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Regulation applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2023/959 reg. 6Sch. 3](#)

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- Annex 2 para. 3 words substituted by [S.I. 2019/693 reg. 3\(56\)](#)
- Art. 29(1)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/693 reg. 3\(17\)\(b\)\(i\)\(bb\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). [S.I. 2019/693](#), reg. 3(17)(b)(i)(bb) substituted immediately before IP completion day by [S.I. 2020/1400](#), regs. 1(b), 3(3)(e))