

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

[<sup>F1</sup>TITLE II

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

CHAPTER 2

**Livestock production**

*Section 3*

***Feed***

[<sup>F1</sup>Article 19

**Feed from own holding and other sources**

1 In case of herbivores, except during the period each year when the animals are under transhumance subject to Article 17(4), at least 60 % of the feed shall come from the farm unit itself or in case this is not feasible, be produced in cooperation with other organic farms in the same region.

2 In case of pigs and poultry, at least 20 % of the feed shall come from the farm unit itself or in case this is not feasible, be produced in the same region in cooperation with other organic farms or feed business operators.

3 In the case of bees, at the end of the production season hives shall be left with sufficient reserves of honey and pollen to survive the winter.

The feeding of bee colonies shall only be permitted where the survival of the hives is endangered due to climatic conditions. Feeding shall be with organic honey, organic sugar syrups, or organic sugar.]

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Substituted by [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 505/2012 of 14 June 2012 amending and correcting Regulation \(EC\) No 889/2008 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.](#)

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## 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.

## Article 21

### In-conversion feed

[<sup>F21</sup> Up to 30 % of the feed formula of rations on average may comprise in-conversion feedingstuffs. When the in-conversion feedingstuffs come from a unit of the holding itself, this percentage may be increased to 100 %.]

[<sup>F32</sup> Up to 20 % of the total average amount of feedingstuffs fed to livestock may originate from the grazing or harvesting of permanent pastures, perennial forage parcels or protein crops, sown under organic management on lands in their first year of conversion, provided that they are part of the holding itself and have not been part of an organic production unit of that holding in the last five years. When both in-conversion feedingstuffs and feedingstuffs from parcels in their first year of conversion are being used, the total combined percentage of such feedingstuffs shall not exceed the maximum percentages fixed in paragraph 1.]

3 The figures in paragraph 1 and 2 shall be calculated annually as a percentage of the dry matter of feedingstuffs of plant origin.

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Substituted by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1254/2008 of 15 December 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation \(EC\) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control.](#)
- F3** Substituted by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 710/2009 of 5 August 2009 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation \(EC\) No 834/2007, as regards laying down detailed rules on organic aquaculture animal and seaweed production.](#)

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## *[<sup>F1</sup>Article 22*

### **Use of certain products and substances in feed**

For the purposes of Article 14(1)(d)(iv) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 only the following substances may be used in the processing of organic feed and feeding organic animals:

- (a) non-organic feed materials of plant or animal origin, or other feed materials that are listed in Section 2 of Annex V, provided that:
  - (i) they are produced or prepared without chemical solvents; and
  - (ii) the restrictions laid down in Article 43 or Article 47(c) are complied with;
- (b) non-organic spices, herbs, and molasses, provided that:
  - (i) their organic form is not available;
  - (ii) they are produced or prepared without chemical solvents; and
  - (iii) their use is limited to 1 % of the feed ration of a given species, calculated annually as a percentage of the dry matter of feed from agricultural origin;
- (c) organic feed materials of animal origin;
- (d) feed materials of mineral origin that are listed in Section 1 of Annex V;
- (e) products from sustainable fisheries, provided that:
  - (i) they are produced or prepared without chemical solvents;
  - (ii) their use is restricted to non-herbivores; and
  - (iii) the use of fish protein hydrolysate is restricted solely to young animals;
- (f) salt as sea salt, coarse rock salt;
- (g) feed additives listed in Annex VI.]

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

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions**

- 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))