

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

#### TITLE IV

### CONTROLS

#### CHAPTER 3

### **Control requirements for livestock and livestock products produced by animal husbandry**

#### *Article 74*

#### **Control arrangements**

- 1 When the control system applying specifically to livestock production is first implemented, the full description of the unit referred to in Article 63(1)(a) shall include:
  - a a full description of the livestock buildings, pasturage, open air areas, etc., and, where applicable, the premises for the storage, packaging and processing of livestock, livestock products, raw materials and inputs;
  - b a full description of the installations for the storage of livestock manure.
- 2 The practical measures referred to in Article 63(1)(b) shall include:
  - a a plan for spreading manure agreed with the control body or authority, together with a full description of the areas given over to crop production;
  - b where appropriate, as regards the spreading of manure, the written arrangements with other holdings as referred to in Article 3(3) complying with the provisions of the organic production rules;
  - c a management plan for the organic-production livestock unit.

#### *Article 75*

#### **Identification of livestock**

The livestock shall be identified permanently using techniques adapted to each species, individually in the case of large mammals and individually or by batch in the case of poultry and small mammals.

#### *Article 76*

#### **Livestock records**

Livestock records shall be compiled in the form of a register and kept available to the control authorities or bodies at all times at the premises of the holding. Such records

shall provide a full description of the herd or flock management system comprising at least the following information:

- (a) as regards animals arriving at the holding: origin and date of arrival, conversion period, identification mark and veterinary record;
- (b) as regards livestock leaving the holding: age, number of heads, weight in case of slaughter, identification mark and destination;
- (c) details of any animals lost and reasons thereof;
- (d) as regards feed: type, including feed supplements, proportions of various ingredients of rations and periods of access to free-range areas, periods of transhumance where restrictions apply;
- (e) as regards disease prevention and treatment and veterinary care: date of treatment, details of the diagnosis, the posology; type of treatment product, the indication of the active pharmacological substances involved method of treatment and veterinary prescription for veterinary care with reasons and withdrawal periods applying before livestock products can be marketed labelled as organic.

#### *Article 77*

### **Control measures on veterinary medicinal products for livestock**

Whenever veterinary medicinal products are used the information according to Article 76(e) is to be declared to the control authority or body before the livestock or livestock products are marketed as organically produced. Livestock treated shall be clearly identified, individually in the case of large animals; individually, or by batch, or by hive, in the case of poultry, small animals and bees.

#### *Article 78*

### **Specific control measures on beekeeping**

1 A map on an appropriate scale listing the location of hives shall be provided to the control authority or control body by the beekeeper. Where no areas are identified in accordance with Article 13(2), the beekeeper shall provide the control authority or control body with appropriate documentation and evidence, including suitable analyses if necessary, that the areas accessible to his colonies meet the conditions required in this Regulation.

2 The following information shall be entered in the register of the apiary with regard to the use of feeding: type of product, dates, quantities and hives where it is used.

3 Whenever veterinary medicinal products are to be used, the type of product, including the indication of the active pharmacological substance, together with details of the diagnosis, the posology, the method of administration, the duration of the treatment and the legal withdrawal period shall be recorded clearly and declared to the control body or authority before the products are marketed as organically produced.

4 The zone where the apiary is situated shall be registered together with the identification of the hives. The control body or authority shall be informed of the moving of apiaries by a deadline agreed on with the control authority or body.

5 Particular care shall be taken to ensure adequate extraction, processing and storage of beekeeping products. All the measures to comply with this requirement shall be recorded.

6 The removals of the supers and the honey extraction operations shall be entered in the register of the apiary.

#### *Article 79*

#### **Several production units run by the same operator**

Where an operator manages several production units, as provided for in Articles 17(1), 40 and 41, the units which produce non-organic livestock or non-organic livestock products shall also be subject to the control system as laid down in Chapter 1 and this Chapter of this Title.