



Technical discussions Techniques authorised in the processing of feed products

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Recital

*(1) Organic production is an overall system of farm management and food production that combines best environmental and climate action practices, a high level of biodiversity, the preservation of natural resources and the application of high animal welfare standards and **high production standards** in line with the demand of a growing number of consumers for products produced using **natural substances and processes**. Organic production thus plays a dual societal role, where, on the one hand, it provides for a specific market responding to consumer demand for organic products and, on the other hand, it delivers publicly available goods that contribute to the protection of the environment and animal welfare, as well as to rural development.*

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(27) Detailed production rules should be established with regard to plant, livestock and aquaculture production, including rules for the collection of wild plants and algae, and with regard to the production of processed food and feed, as well as of wine and yeast used as food or feed, to ensure harmonisation of and compliance with the objectives and principles of organic production.

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(51) Operators producing organic food or feed should follow appropriate procedures based on the systematic identification of critical processing steps, in order to ensure that processed products comply with the organic production rules. Processed organic products should be produced using processing methods which guarantee that the organic characteristics and qualities of the products are maintained through all stages of organic production.

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(112) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission as regards the documents that are to be supplied for the purpose of recognising a previous period as being part of the conversion period, as regards the minimum period for feeding of suckling animals with maternal milk and certain technical rules for livestock housing and husbandry practices, as regards detailed rules per species or per group of species of aquaculture animal on the stocking density and on the specific characteristics for production systems and containment systems, as regards techniques authorised in the processing of food and feed products, as regards the authorisation of the products and substances that may be used in organic production in general, and in the production of processed organic food in particular, as well as the withdrawal of such authorisations, and as regards the procedures for the authorisation and the lists of such products and substances and, where appropriate, the description, compositional requirement and conditions for the use of such products.

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Article 3 **Definitions**

(46) 'feed' means feed as defined in point (4) of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002;

'feed' (or 'feedingstuff') means any substance or product, including additives, whether processed, partially processed or unprocessed, intended to be used for oral feeding to animals;

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General principles

Organic production is a sustainable management system that is based on the following general principles:

(a) respect for nature's systems and cycles and the sustainment and enhancement of the state of the soil, the water and the air, of the health of plants and animals, and of the balance between them;

(b) the preservation of natural landscape elements, such as natural heritage sites;

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(c) the responsible use of energy and natural resources, such as water, soil, organic matter and air;

(d) the production of a wide variety of high-quality food and other agricultural and aquaculture products that respond to consumers' demand for goods that are produced by the use of processes that do not harm the environment, human health, plant health or animal health and welfare;

(e) ensuring the integrity of organic production at all stages of the production, processing and distribution of food and feed;

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(f) the appropriate design and management of biological processes, based on ecological systems and using natural resources which are internal to the management system, using methods that:

- (i) use living organisms and mechanical production methods;*
- (ii) practice soil-related crop cultivation and land-related livestock production, or practice aquaculture which complies with the principle of the sustainable exploitation of aquatic resources;*
- (iii) exclude the use of GMOs, products produced from GMOs, and products produced by GMOs, other than veterinary medicinal products;*
- (iv) are based on risk assessment and the use of precautionary measures and preventive measures, where appropriate;*

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(g) the restriction of the use of external inputs; where external inputs are required or the appropriate management practices and methods referred to in point (f) do not exist, the external inputs shall be limited to:

(i) inputs from organic production; in the case of plant reproductive material, priority shall be given to varieties selected for their ability to meet the specific needs and objectives of organic agriculture;

(ii) natural or naturally-derived substances;

(iii) low solubility mineral fertilisers;

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- (h) the adaptation of the production process, where necessary and within the framework of this Regulation, to take account of the sanitary status, regional differences in the ecological balance, climatic and local conditions, stages of development and specific husbandry practices;*
- (i) the exclusion from the whole organic food chain of animal cloning, of rearing artificially induced polyploid animals and of ionising radiation;*
- (j) the observance of a high level of animal welfare respecting species-specific needs.*

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Article 8

Specific principles applicable to the processing of organic feed

The production of processed organic feed shall be based, in particular, on the following specific principles:

- (a) the production of organic feed from organic feed materials;*
- (b) the restriction of the use of feed additives and processing aids, so that they are used to a minimum extent and only in cases of essential technological or zootechnical needs or for particular nutritional purposes;*
- (c) the exclusion of substances and processing methods that might be misleading as regards the true nature of the product;*
- (d) the processing of organic feed with care, preferably through the use of biological, mechanical and physical methods.*

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Article 17

Production rules for processed feed

- 1. Operators that produce processed feed shall comply, in particular, with the detailed production rules set out in Part V of Annex II and in any implementing acts referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article.*
 - 2. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 54 amending point 1.4 of Part V of Annex II by adding further precautionary and preventive measures to be taken by operators, or by amending those added measures.*
 - 3. The Commission may adopt implementing acts laying down the techniques authorised for use in the processing of feed products.*
- Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 55(2).*

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ANNEX II Part V: Processed feed production rules

In addition to the general production rules laid down in Articles 9 (general production rules), 11 (prohibition of the use of GMOs) and 17 (production rules for processed feed), the rules laid down in this Part shall apply to the organic production of processed feed.

1. General requirements for the production of processed feed

1.1. Feed additives, processing aids and other substances and ingredients used for processing feed, and any processing practice used, such as smoking, shall comply with the principles of good manufacturing practice.

1.2. Operators that produce processed feed shall establish and update appropriate procedures based on a systematic identification of the critical processing steps.

1.3. The application of the procedures referred to in point 1.2 shall ensure that the produced processed products comply with this Regulation at all times.

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1.4. Operators shall comply with and implement the procedures referred to in point 1.2, and, without prejudice to Article 28, shall in particular:

- (a) take precautionary measures;*
- (b) implement suitable cleaning measures, monitor their effectiveness and keep records of those operations;*
- (c) guarantee that non-organic products are not placed on the market with an indication referring to organic production.*

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1.5. The preparation of processed organic, in-conversion and non-organic products shall be kept separate from each other in time or space. Where organic, in-conversion and non-organic products, in any combination, are prepared or stored in the preparation unit concerned, the operator shall:

- (a) inform the control authority or control body accordingly;*
- (b) carry out the operations continuously until the production run has been completed, separately in place or time from similar operations performed on any other kind of product (organic, in-conversion or non- organic);*
- (c) store organic, in-conversion and non-organic products, before and after the operations, separate by place or time from each other;*

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1.5. (d) keep available an updated register of all operations and quantities processed;

(e) take the necessary measures to ensure identification of lots and to avoid mixtures or exchanges between organic, in-conversion and non-organic products;

(f) carry out operations on organic or in-conversion products only after suitable cleaning of the production equipment.

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2. Detailed requirements for the production of processed feed

2.1 Organic feed materials, or in-conversion feed materials, shall not enter simultaneously with the same feed materials produced by non-organic means into the composition of the organic feed product.

2.2. Any feed materials used or processed in organic production shall not have been processed with the aid of chemically synthesised solvents.

2.3. Only non-organic feed material of plant, algal, animal or yeast origin, feed material of mineral origin, and feed additives and processing aids authorised pursuant to Article 24 for use in organic production may be used in the processing of feed.

2.4. Only the products for cleaning and disinfection authorised pursuant to Article 24 for use in processing shall be used for that purpose.

PREVIOUS RULES FEED PROCESSING

- *Under previous rules, processing methods for feed were allowed except when assessed on a product by product basis as incompatible with the principles of organic production and Article 18(4) of Regulation 834/2007.*
- *No Annex in Reg (EC) No 889/2008 providing an exhaustive list of authorised methods for processing food*
- *EGTOP feed reports linked to products and substances*

Basis for technical discussions

Techniques feed processing

1. Only techniques complying with the relevant principles laid down in Chapter II, in particular the specific principles applicable to the processing of organic feed laid down in Article 8, in Chapter III and the detailed production rules set out in Part V of Annex II are authorized in the processing of feed products in organic production.
2. Techniques that reconstitute properties that are lost in the processing and storage of organic feed, that correct the results of negligence in the processing or that otherwise may be misleading as to the true nature of these products shall not be used.
3. By derogation to paragraph 1, in very limited cases in order to ensure a level playing field between operators, it may be necessary to specify further whether a technique is authorized or not for the processing of organic feed.

Basis for technical discussions

Techniques feed processing

4. The use of the following techniques for the processing of organic feed is authorized under the following conditions:
5. The use of the following techniques for the processing of organic feed is not authorized:

Basis for technical discussion

Techniques feed processing

6. Where a Member State considers that a specific technique should be assessed as regards compliance with the principles laid down in Chapter II, in particular the specific principles applicable to the processing of organic feed laid down in Article 8, in Chapter III and the detailed production rules set out in Part V of Annex II or that certain specifications for use of the technique should be laid down, it shall ensure that a harmonized dossier giving the reasons for the inclusion, withdrawal or additional specifications is officially sent to the Commission and to the other Member States and is made publicly available, subject to Union and national legislation on data protection

The Commission shall publish the template of the dossier to be filled in by the Member States and any request referred to in this paragraph.

Basis for technical discussion

Techniques feed processing

7. The Commission shall review regularly the authorization of the techniques for the processing of organic feed, including their withdrawal if deemed necessary, and where appropriate, their description and conditions for use.

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Article 24

Autorisation of products and substances for use in organic production

1. The Commission may authorise certain products and substances for use in organic production, and shall include any such authorised products and substances in restrictive lists, for the following purposes:

(g) as products for cleaning and disinfection in processing and storage facilities.

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3. The authorisation of the products and substances referred to in paragraph 1 for use in organic production shall be subject to the principles laid down in Chapter II and to the following criteria, which shall be evaluated as a whole:

(a) they are essential for sustained production and for the use for which they are intended;

(b) all of the products and substances concerned are of plant, algal, animal, microbial or mineral origin, except in cases where products or substances from such sources are not available in sufficient quantities or qualities or where alternatives are not available;

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7. Where a Member State considers that a product or substance should be added to or withdrawn from the lists of authorised products and substances referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, or that the specifications of use referred to in the production rules should be amended, it shall ensure that a dossier giving the reasons for the inclusion, withdrawal or other amendments is officially sent to the Commission and to the other Member States and is made publicly available, subject to Union and national legislation on data protection.

The Commission shall publish any requests referred to in this paragraph.

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8. The Commission shall regularly review the lists referred to in this Article.

9. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts concerning the authorisation or withdrawal of authorisation of products and substances in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 that may be used in organic production in general and in the production of processed organic food in particular, and establishing the procedures to be followed for such authorisations and the lists of such products and substances and, where appropriate, their description, compositional requirements and conditions for use.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 55(2).

Basis for technical discussion

- *List of products for cleaning and disinfection authorized for processing*
- *Need for MS to start reflecting on needs for the processing sector as current Annex VII on products for cleaning and disinfection covers only buildings and installations for livestock production and aquaculture animals and seaweed production*
- *Dossiers will need to be submitted to EGTOP*