

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 II

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

#### CHAPTER 2

#### **Livestock production**

##### *Section 3*

##### ***Feed***

##### *Article 19*

#### **Feed from own holding or from other organic holdings**

1 In the case of herbivores, except during the period each year when the animals are under transhumance subject to Article 17(4), at least 50 % 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 primarily in the same region.

2 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.

3 The feeding of bee colonies shall only be permitted where the survival of the hives is endangered due to climatic conditions and only between the last honey harvest and 15 days before the start of the next nectar or honeydew flow period. Feeding shall be with organic honey, organic sugar syrup, or organic sugar.

##### *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.

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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>F1</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>F2</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

- F1** 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.](#)
- F2** 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.](#)

### Article 22

#### Products and substances referred to in Article 14(1)(d)(iv) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007

1 Non-organic feed materials of plant and animal origin may be used in organic production subject to the restrictions laid down in Article 43 and only if they are listed in Annex V and the restrictions laid down therein are complied with.

2 Organic feed materials of animal origin, and feed materials of mineral origin may be used in organic production and only if they are listed in Annex V and the restrictions laid down therein are complied with.

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3 Products and by-products from fisheries may be used in organic production only if they are listed in Annex V and the restrictions laid down therein are complied with.

4 Feed additives, certain products used in animal nutrition and processing aids may be used in organic production only if they are listed in Annex VI and the restrictions laid down therein are complied with.

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