| OLP 18: Regulation (EC) 834/2007 Compliance Affirmation | | | |
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| **Complete this section if your operation is located outside the US and Canada and you plan to export organic products to the EU.** Any producer outside the US and Canada who intends to export organic products to the European Union must complete this section. QCS is recognized by the European Union in Regulation (EU) 2021/2325 and pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 as a control body with equivalent EU organic production and certification requirements for the purpose of importing organic products into the Union. | | | |
| **A. PRODUCT VERIFICATION**  List all the organic livestock or livestock products you wish to represent as organic in the European Union.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Livestock/Livestock Products** | **Projected Yield (# of livestock or lbs. of livestock products)** | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | | | | |
| **B. TRANSPORT**  Describe all practices employed to ensure that animals are handled in conditions that minimize stress and avoid the likelihood of injury during:  a. Making up of loads for transport  b. Loading of vehicles  c. During transit  d. Unloading of vehicles | | | |
| **C. LIVESTOCK FEED**  1. In order to satisfy nutritional requirements were only products allowed per Annex V and Annex VI of Regulation (EC) 889/2008 used for animal feed and feed additives for the purposes indicated?  Yes  No  2. Does at least 50% of the feed come from on farm?  Yes  No  3. For herbivores, does at least 60% of the dry matter in the daily ration consist of roughage, fresh or dried fodder, or silage?  Yes  No | | | |
| **D. LIVESTOCK HOUSING (reference EC 889/2008 Section 2)**  1. Are only the products listed Annex VII used to clean and disinfect livestock buildings and installations? Please refer to addendum titled “Annex VII” of the Regulation EC 889/2008.  *Note: Only the products listed in this section can be used for cleaning and disinfection.*  Yes  No  2. Are only the products listed in Annex VII used for the elimination of insects and other pests in buildings and other installations where livestock is kept? Please refer to the addendum titled “Annex VII” of the Regulation EC 889/2008*.*  *Note: Only the products listed in this section can be used for the elimination of insects and pests.*  Yes  No | | | |
| **E. POULTRY PRODUCTION (reference EU 889/2009, Chapter 2, Article 12**)  Not applicable  1. Do poultry have continuous and easy daytime access to pasture and/or range (excepting adverse weather conditions)?  Yes  No  If no, explain why not.  2. Is pasture used for poultry rested periodically?  Yes  No  If yes, describe rotations.  If no, explain why not.  3. What type of poultry housing do you use: Fixed  Mobile  4. When the rearing of each batch of poultry has been completed, are the buildings emptied of livestock and are the buildings and fittings cleaned and disinfected?  Yes  No  5. Poultry – Indoor Housing: Please complete the following table for each structure. Refer to addendum for conversions from U.S. units to metric units.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Housing Unit ID |  | | Number of Birds |  | | Area (m2) |  | | Stocking Rate (Birds/m2) |  | | Perch Space (cm perch/bird) |  | | Slatted Floor Area (%) |  | | Entry/Exit Holes (m/100m2 Floor Area) |  | | Nest [Birds/Nest OR Area (cm2)/Bird] |  |   6. Poultry – Outdoor Housing: Please complete the following table for each structure.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Pasture Unit ID |  | | Number of Birds |  | | Area (m2) |  | | Stocking Rate (Birds/m2) |  |   7. Do the indoor housing and outdoor exercise areas and other characteristics of housing meet the requirements laid down in Annex III, part 2? Please refer to addendum titled “Annex III” of the Regulation EC 889/2008  Yes  No  8. Does the density of livestock meet the requirements laid down in Annex IV*? Note: This is the livestock units equivalent to 170 kg of Nitrogen per year/hectare of agricultural area used.*  Yes  No | | | |
| **F. BOVINES, OVINE, OR PIG PRODUCTION (reference EU 889/2009, Chapter 2)**  Not applicable  1. Bovines, Ovine and Pigs – Housing: Please complete the following table.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Species |  | | Stage of Production |  | | Indoors Area (m2) |  | | Outdoors Area (m2) |  | | Number of Animals |  | | Indoors Area: Live Wt. Minimum (kg) |  | | Indoors Area: Slatted Floor Area (%) |  | | Indoor Area: M2/Head |  | | Outdoor Area: M2/Head |  |   NOTE: Indoors area is the net area available to animals. Outdoors area is the exercise area, excluding pasturage.  2. Do the indoor housing and outdoor exercise areas and other characteristics of housing meet the requirements laid down in Annex III? Please refer to addendum titled “Annex III” of the Regulation EC 889/2008.  Yes  No  3. Does the density of livestock meet the requirements laid down in Annex IV? Please refer to addendum titled “Annex IV” of the Regulation EC 889/2008. *Note: This is the livestock units equivalent to 170 kg of Nitrogen per year/hectare of agricultural area used. Refer to addendum for conversion of U.S. units to metric units.*  Yes  No  4. Are females managed organically on a permanent basis upon their incorporation into the organic operation (i.e., not rotated in and out of organic management)?  Yes  No  Conversion factors are as follows:  1 in. = 2.54 cm multiply “inches” by 2.54 to convert to “centimeters”  1 ft – 0.3048 m multiply “feet” by 0.3048” to convert to “meters”  1 in2 = 6.4516 cmmultiply “square inches” by 6.4516 to convert to “centimeters squared”  1 ft2 = 0.0929 m2 multiply “square feet” by 0.0929 to convert to “meters squared”  1 lb = 0.4536 kg multiply “pounds” by 0.4536 to convert to “kilograms”  1 acre = 0.405 ha multiply “acres” by 0.405 to convert to “hectares” | | | |
| **G. PACKAGING & LABELING VERIFICATION**  *QCS must verify compliance of all labels used and intended for use on EU organic products, packaging, containers, and commercial documents as applicable, including products that will be handled by another operator prior to export to the EU. Article 24 of (EC) No 834/2007 describes the compulsory indications required for a product to be imported in the EU and for verification by the importer. References in relation to organic shall be easily visible, clearly legible and indelible. Products exported to the EU shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Inspection. The information mentioned in the Certificate of Inspection shall correspond with the labelling of the products and the accompanying documents.*   1. Attach a copy of each label used or planned for use on EU organic products, including retail labels and labels used on wholesale packages, containers, transport units or their accompanying documentation. All labels must comply with the EU labeling requirements summarized below and be reviewed and approved by QCS prior to use.  **Attached** | | | |
| **Labeling Categories** | EU allows agricultural products to be labelled as “organic” or “organically grown.” | | |
| **Wholesale Containers** | Non-retail containers including but not limited to cases, produce boxes, super sacks, etc. or accompanying documents must include:   * 1. Name and address of the certified operation   2. Product name and organic status   3. QCS certifier code and country code identifying the product’s origin (See below)   4. Traceability information such as lot numbers   Products produced in the US that are not NOP compliant must be labeled “for export only.” | | |
| **Certifier code** | All labels (retail and non-retail) must use the code number of the control body (certifier) who has carried out the most recent production or preparation of the product. This refers to the farm of origin for unprocessed agricultural products. Operations outside the US, use “<country code>-BIO-144. US operations use “US-ORG-51.” Click here for a list of [country codes](https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#search). | | |
| **EU Organic Farming Logo** | Use of the EU organic farming logo is allowed on labels or other marketing material to represent retail products exported into the EU as organic, but use is not compulsory. Click here to download the [EU Organic Farming Logo](https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/downloads/logo_en) and here for the [User Manual](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/food-farming-fisheries/farming/documents/organic-logo-user-manual_en.pdf).   * The logo must not be smaller than 13,5 mm by 9 mm. In the case of very small packaging where this is not possible, 9mm by 6mm is permitted.EU Organic seal formatting rules are located in [EEC 271/2010](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2010:084:0019:0022:EN:PDF) * The country and certifier code shall be displayed above or below the EU organic * “Non-EU Agriculture” or “<Country of Origin> Agriculture” must appear below the country and certifier code. The country of origin may be used in place of “non-EU agriculture” only when all material was farmed in that country. | | |
| **AFFIRMATION**  I affirm that all statements made in this EU Regulation Compliance Plan are true and correct. Only materials listed in Council Regulation (EC) 834/2007 & 889/2008 for the purposes indicated have been used to produce the organic products listed here. I agree to provide further information as required by QCS. I agree to, in cases where my operation and/or the subcontractors of my operation are certified by different certification bodies to EU standards, the exchange of information between those authorities or bodies; I agree in cases where my operation and/or the subcontractors may operation change organic certification body, to the transmission of my OSP and related certification documents to the subsequent certification body; I understand that if this operation withdraws from certification to the European Union (EC) 834/2007 & 889/2008 Regulation Compliance Program QCs shall maintain the operation’s certification documents for a period of at least five years and inform, without delay, the relevant competent authority and control authority or control body; I agree to inform the QCS without delay of any irregularity or infringement affecting the organic status of this operation’s product or organic products received from other operators or subcontractors. | | | |
| Signature | | Title | Date |