

AsureQuality Organic Standard Summary of Changes

V7 released 2018.

This summary covers changes that are relevant to the management of an operator's organic production system. It does not cover changes to clause numbering, fixing of typos, re-formatting and small changes to terminology where the clauses' end meaning remains the same.

Organic Certification with AsureQuality:

- **Removal** of the listing of the names of the specific international organic standards referred to within the document
- **Correction** Input Logo

Section 1 - Introduction and Scope:

- **Addition** of a sentence added to an existing clause 1.3.9:
"Requests for changes to ingredients supplier, recipes or labels should be sent to AsureQuality for approval prior to implementing".

Section 4 - Crop and Pasture Production:

- **Removal** of a sentence within Seeds and Reproductive material, regional or other exception box 4.2.1
"Certified organic seed, seedlings, and vegetable propagative material must be used after 31 December 2020."
- **Addition** of a sentence within Pest, Disease and Weed Section 4.3.4
"There must be records of purchase and use of such inputs"
- **Addition** of a sentence within Pest, Disease and Weed section 4.3.5 in relation to the use of rodenticides
"Under NOP further conditions also apply".
- **Addition** of a sentence within Contamination Control section 4.6.9
"AsureQuality must be notified of such events as required by the Terms and Conditions of Certification."
- **Addition** of a bullet point to the list of items to be in a management plan section 4.11.2
 - *"Details of any inputs to be used."*

Section 5 - Livestock Production:

- **Addition** of a sentence within the section 5.5.4 which relates to herd animals not being kept separate.
"Unless due to health or behavioural issues"
- **Addition** of a sentence preceding an existing clause about bulls, section 5.4.3
"Preference should be given to using males for breeding purposes that have come from production units, which comply with the rules of the various types of livestock production laid down in this Standard."
- **Addition** of words at the beginning of a sentence about vet treatments section 5.9.1
"Unless an exception is granted".
- **Addition** in 5.9.5 regarding records for animal treatments
"eg, Emergency Treatment Notification Form"
- **Correction** in 5.9.7 regarding number of treatments.
"more than three courses of treatment" previously said two in a duplicated sentence which was incorrect in V6.

- **Addition** to a sentence in an interpretive note regarding what a course of treatments means 5.9.7
“and may include treatment with multiple drugs or include repeat treatments”.
- **Correction** and **Addition** of a bullet point in section 5.10.11.2 relating to external parasites
“You may use:
 - *Biological treatments or repellents*
 - *Topical minerals such as Diatomaceous earth or elemental Sulphur”*
- **Addition** of a new clause in Animal Husbandry 5.11.7
“The use of electric prods or electronic stimulation to coerce livestock is prohibited”.
- **Addition** of an interpretive note for Milking operations section 5.13.4
“Interpretive note: MPI Approved maintenance compounds have been approved based on being able to be removed by rinsing, and do not require further testing to verify the sanitizer can be removed”.
- **Removal** of a paragraph in section 5.14 Manure
“Normal New Zealand Agriculture does not involve the spreading of animal manure from animals housing. The provisions spelled out in this section are likely to apply only in exceptional cases”.
- **Removal** of words in section 5.14.1 Manure
“from animals’ housing”.
- **Removal** of NB sentence in additional certification measures section 5.16
“NB. This is applicable to the likes of feed, and animals but not inputs such as fertiliser”.
- **Addition** of a bullet point to 5.16
“Details of any inputs to be used”.
- **Addition** of an IFOAM requirement under 5.171.1. Regional or other exception in relation to pullets for eggs.
““IFOAM: Pullets must be managed to organics from 2 days old”
- **Addition** of words to poultry feed record requirement section 5.17.3.7
“and records of any brought in feed”.
- **Addition** or an NB to poultry stocking rates section 5.17.5.2
“NB. For birds up to two weeks old, only the second bullet point applies”.
- **Change** to stocking rates poultry housing section 5.17.5.6
“Each poultry house must not contain more than:
 - *4800 meat chickens*
 - *3000 laying hens**“Regional or other exception – Non-IFOAM
Stocking density in each poultry house shall not exceed 3,500 layers, or 6,000 meat chickens”.*
- **Change** to stocking rates and clause for poultry outdoor runs
*“5.17.5.7 The total stocking density at any given time for layers shall not exceed 3,000 birds per hectare where stock or forage rotations are practiced, and shall not exceed 2,000 birds per hectare for set stocking systems.
5.17.5.8 Meat chickens shall have access to areas not exceeding 2,500 birds per hectare for set stocking systems, or 4,800 birds per hectare for rotational systems. Rotational systems are defined whereby housing is either moveable, or whereby rotation and resting of range areas ensures recovery of forage areas between production cycles.
Regional or other exception – Non-IFOAM
Stocking density shall not exceed 3,500 layers, or 6,000 meat chickens per hectare.”*

Section 6 - Processing and Handling:

- **Addition** of a bullet point requirement in the Ingredients section Regional or other exception 6.2.1
"Are not in both organic and non-organic forms of the same ingredient in the same product and".
- **Addition** of a interpretative note under section 6.6.8
"Interpretative note: MPI Approved Maintenance compounds have been approved for use based on being able to be effectively removed if label directions are followed".
- **Addition** to a bullet point on separation of products by time and/or space section 6.8.1
"in a way that prevents substitution by or contact with conventional products through the entire process, including transportation"
- **Addition** to a clause on bulk store organic product storage separation section 6.8.3
"with physical signage for the designated area for organic product storage. Examples of organic product in bulk stores include, but is not limited to, grain in a bulk silo, raw milk in bulk tanks, or honey in bulk drums."
- **Removal** of a clause 6.8.7
"However, the closing of packaging or containers is not required where:
 - (a) *The product isn't covered by certification to MPI Official Organic Assurances Programme (OOAP), or under EU organic regulations.*
 - (b) *Transportation is between a producer and another operator who are both complying with the provisions of the OOAP, or under EU organic regulations.*
 - (c) *The products are accompanied by a document giving the information required under 6.8.6 (e.g. export/transaction certificate).*
 - (d) *Both dispatching and receiving operators keep documentary records of the transport operations.*

NB This Standard is not in lieu of any other regulatory labelling requirements."

Section 10 - Table 1 - Substances For Use in Crop Production:

- **Change** listed product – Potassium permanganate as CF or CP is now noted as Prohibited for EU.

Section 10 - Table 3A - Substances For Use in Processing:

- **Change** listed product – Annatto, Bixin and Norbixin - Input Class Key has changed to PA: Processing Agricultural Ingredients and Processing Aids. Previously it was listed as PN.
- **Addition** listed product – Glycerine , PA, Restricted
"Must be from vegetable or animal fats and/or oils. Must be produced using fermentation or by hydrolysis. USDA NOP Must be NOP certified"
- **Change** listed product – Guar Gum - Input Class Key has changed to PA: Processing Agricultural Ingredients and Processing Aids. Previously it was listed as PN.
- **Change** listed product – Lecithin - Input Class Key has changed to PA: Processing Agricultural Ingredients and Processing Aids. Previously it was listed as PN.
- **Change** listed product – Locust Bean Gum - Input Class Key has changed to PA: Processing Agricultural Ingredients and Processing Aids. Previously it was listed as PN.
- **Change** listed product – Pectins (unmodified) - Input Class Key has changed to PA: Processing Agricultural Ingredients and Processing Aids. Previously it was listed as PN.