

Record Sheet RS13

Non Organic Seed Derogation Application.

This form should be used for single varieties of seed and grass, forage seed mixes and for seed potatoes.

Organic seeds must be used where available (QWFC Standards 1.49). However, where no suitable/appropriate organic alternative is available, **untreated** non organic seed may be used following prior derogation by QWFC. There are no grounds for a derogation to use non organic seed if the variety a producer wants to use is registered and available in the organic seeds database. (See 1 below)

Failure to obtain a derogation may lead to the decertification of the crop.

Getting Approval.

1. First check the availability of organic seeds on the UK organic seed database at www.organicXseeds.co.uk If web access is not available, then check with QWFC.

2. Single seed varieties.

If the variety that you require is not available as organic seed, and alternative varieties of the same crop species are not suitable, QWFC will consider your request to use non organic seed. The justification **must** be from the following list.

Reason for derogation request:-

- (a) No variety of the species required is registered on the UK organic seed database.
- (b) The seed supplier is unable to deliver the seed before sowing despite ordering the seed in reasonable time.
- (c) The variety required is not available on the database and it can be demonstrated that none of the registered alternatives of the same species are appropriate for the situation. (Reasons for being inappropriate must be given)
- (d1) For research purposes.
- (d2) To test in small scale field trials.
- (d3) For variety conservation purposes.
- (d4) First generation seed supplied within a contract to produce organic certified seed.

3. Seed mixes:-

- All grass and forage seed mixes **must** contain at least the minimum percentage of organic seeds for the year. In 2010 the requirement is 65%. QWFC may be contacted for the requirement in subsequent years. A retrospective derogation request must be submitted to QWFC on record sheet RS13 for all part organic mixtures used.
- Producers requesting approval to use a grass or forage seed mix containing less than the required percentage of organic seeds **must** apply prior to purchase. (Record sheet RS13) Justification will be required for each non organic variety used. Approval will only be given in exceptional circumstances.
- The minimum percentage approach only applies to grasses and forage mixes. These include grass clover mixes and unharvestable mixes. An unharvestable mix is defined as one containing species from two or more of the following different groups that is not intended for combining:- Cereals, pulses, grass and clovers, brassicas and others destined for wholecrop livestock feeding. e.g. oilseeds.

4. Potatoes:-

Seed potatoes **must** be sourced organically. Approval for non organic varieties may be given in exceptional circumstances. QWFC must be contacted to discuss requirements. Derogation applications **must** also be made in writing.

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Crop species	Variety	Total Kg.	Org/non org.	Sowing date	Area	Field nos.	Justification code				
Official Use only:- Approved/Not approved by:-		Official use only:- Date		This box must be completed if justification reason is (c) Please continue on separate sheet if necessary.							
Official Use only:- Reasons/Conditions:- 											

***Please enter the justification code for a derogation request by inserting one of the letters from the options listed on the previous page. (Either (a), (b), (c), (d1), (d2), (d3) or (d4). You may be asked for further justification by QWFC at a later date. For reason (c), written justification must be given in the box above right.**