

# DEROGATION FOR RESTRICTED VETERINARY PRACTICES



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EU organic regulation (EU 848/2018) states that while mutilations which lead to stress, harm, disease or the suffering of animals are banned, specific operations essential to certain types of production and for the sake of security for animals and human beings may be permitted under restricted conditions. In addition, appropriate breeds shall be chosen and shall contribute to the prevention of any suffering, avoiding the need for the mutilation of animals.

The Livestock Management Plan as referenced in section 3 of the **Organic Food and Farming Standards in Ireland** – is contained within your Record Book and must be maintained up to date and available for inspection.

If you would like permission to carry out any of the restricted practices detailed below, please refer to section 3 of the **Organic Food and Farming Standards in Ireland 2.0**, complete the table on **PAGE 2** (ensuring the age restrictions listed below are complied with in relation to the relevant species), attach relevant supporting documentation and submit it to your Organic Control Body (Please circle): **IOA OT**

***Any suffering to the animals shall be reduced to a minimum by applying adequate anaesthesia and/or analgesia and by carrying out the operation only at the most appropriate age by qualified/competent personnel.***

<b>Restricted Veterinary Practice - Bovine</b>	
Disbudding of a calf latest within <b>15 days</b> of birth (except where horns have not emerged or where calf is sick or weak). <b>ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED</b>	
Dehorning only to be undertaken in exceptional circumstances by Veterinary Surgeon.	
Non-surgical castration of a bull no more than <b>6 months</b> of age. <b>ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED</b>	
Castration through use of rubber ring is permitted within <b>8 days</b> of birth. <b>ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED</b>	
<b>Restricted Practice – Sheep and Goats</b>	
Disbudding of a sheep or goat within <b>8 days</b> of birth. <b>ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED</b>	
Non-surgical castration of a ram no more than <b>3 months</b> of age. <b>ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED</b>	
Non-surgical castration of a goat no more than <b>2 months</b> of age. <b>ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>If anaesthesia/analgesia is not being used for the following three practices please have your vet complete the box on the right →</i></p> <p>1. Castration through use of rubber ring (for both sheep and goats) is permitted within <b>8 days</b> of birth.</p> <p>2. Tail docking of sheep within <b>8 days</b> of birth by use of rubber ring, retaining enough tail to cover the vulva of the female and anus of the male sheep.</p> <p>3. Tail docking of goat within <b>8 days</b> of birth through use of rubber rings.</p>	<p><u>To be completed by Veterinary Practitioner.</u></p> <p>Use of analgesia/anaesthetic waived for the following practices (within 8 days of birth) on the following species on this holding:</p> <p>Castration:      Sheep <input type="checkbox"/>      Goats <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Tail Docking:    Sheep <input type="checkbox"/>      Goats <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Reason</b></p> <p>Prevent undue stress      <input type="checkbox"/>      Potential infection risk      <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Accepted by Veterinary Practitioner</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Veterinary Practitioner Address/contact details/practice stamp:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<b>Restricted Practice – Pigs</b>	
Castration of a pig within <b>8 days</b> of birth by a method that does not involve tearing tissue. <b>ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA REQUIRED</b>	
Tail docking within <b>8 days</b> of birth. <b>ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED</b>	
Teeth Clipping within 8 days of birth. <b>ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED</b>	
<b>Restricted Practice – Deer</b>	
Castration through use of rubber ring is permitted within <b>8 days</b> of birth <b>ANAESTHESIA AND/OR ANALGESIA MUST BE USED</b>	
<b>NOTE:</b> <b>The trimming of beaks in relation to poultry is not permitted.</b> <b>Clipping wings in relation to bees (queens) is prohibited.</b>	

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU SIGN THE DECLARATION ON PAGE 2 →**

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## RESTRICTED VETERINARY PRACTICES DEROGATION continued

Practice	Species (list all relevant)	Number of Animals	Age of animals at time of planned treatment (tick all relevant ✓)					Person who will carry out procedure?
			≤8d	≤15d	≤2m	≤3m	≤6m	
Tail docking by elastic band								
Tail docking by other means								
Disbudding								
Dehorning								
Castration								

**Transportation of animals:**

Loading and unloading of animals shall be carried out without the use of electrical stimulation to coerce the animals. The use of allopathic tranquillisers, prior to or during transport, is prohibited.

**Who can carry out these operations:**

**Competent Person**

Being “competent” in relation to an operation or procedure means—

- (a) being familiar with,
- (b) having the necessary training and experience to successfully carry out,
- (c) having the technical skill to successfully carry out, and
- (d) having the requisite equipment to successfully carry out, the operation or procedure.

The operative must be the owner or person in actual possession of the animal or his or her employee acting under the direction of the owner or person; in actual possession of the animal, and that the procedure is part of, or incidental to, the normal husbandry and management of the animal.

**DECLARATION**

I confirm that all the information supplied in this application form is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and that all relevant information has been supplied.

I confirm that I have read and understood section 3 of the Organic Food and Farming Standards in Ireland 2.0 and I understand that restricted practices are in place to contribute to improved animal welfare.

No restricted veterinary practices will be carried out on my stock prior to receiving notification of authorisation from my Organic Control Body. I understand that all authorisations will be subject to inspection by my Organic Control Body at the animal inspection of my holding.

SIGNED BY THE LICENCE HOLDER: .....

<u>For office use only:</u>	Derogation Approved: YES / NO
OCB Signed: _____	Date to DAFM: _____
DAFM Signed: _____	Date Processed: _____
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