



How to adapt the seed database to the new organic regulation

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Changes in the new regulation regarding the seed databases

848/2018 and 2020/464

- Additional database for animals
- Marketing of in-conversion seeds
- Heterogeneous Material
- Quantity of seeds
- Period of the year of its availability
- List of species for which no derogation is granted (Category I)
- Implementing acts – draft
 - Prefer organic over in-conversion seeds
 - Specification Non-derogation-list
 - General Derogation



848/2018

(66) In order to foster organic production and address the need for reliable data, information and data on the availability on the market **for organic and in-conversion plant reproductive material, for organic animals and for organic aquaculture juveniles** needs to be collected and disseminated to farmers and operators. For that purpose, **Member States should ensure that regularly updated databases and systems** with such information are established on their territories, and the Commission should make such information public.

→ Any variety or animal which has **not been registered in the database shall be considered as unavailable**



848/2018 Article 26

- Each Member State shall ensure that a regularly updated database is established
- Should have systems that allow operators that market organic or in-conversion plant reproductive material, organic animals or organic aquaculture juveniles, **to make public on a voluntary basis, free of charge, together with their names and contact details,**
- Should indicate
 - organic and in-conversion plant reproductive material
 - reproductive material of organic heterogeneous material
 - or of organic varieties suitable for organic production,
 - the quantity in weight of that material;
 - the period of the year of its availability
 - Latin scientific name;



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- (11) **Organic plant reproductive material should be used** in organic production.
- In order to **help organic operators to find information** on their availability, each Member State should have in place systems allowing operators that market organic and in-conversion plant reproductive material
- In particular, **detailed information** on such species that they are able to supply in sufficient quantities and within a reasonable period should be **publicly available**
- Once a year, Member States should **make available to the Commission the synthesis of such information as well as information on derogations granted**
- (12) **Seedlings are excluded** from the collection and exchange of information on organic and in-conversion plant reproductive material.


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- Information to be provided by Member States as referred to in article 25
 - Scientific and common name (common and Latin name);
 - Variety or heterogeneous material denomination;
 - In-conversion quantity available as estimated by operators (total number of units or seed weight);
 - Organic quantity available as estimated by operators (total number of units or seed weight);
 - Number of operators who uploaded information on a voluntary basis.
- For the purposes of this point, ‘seedling’ means a young plant originating from seed and not from cutting.

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- Part II: Information to the Commission shall include:
 - Scientific and common name (common and Latin name);
 - Variety;
 - Number of derogations and total weight of seeds or number of plants derogated;
 - Justifications for the derogation: whether for research, lack of suitable variety, conservation purpose or other reasons;
 - Where applicable, as regards derogations for other reasons than research purpose, the list of species for which no derogation is granted, as they are sufficiently available in organic form.

Type of seed and seed quality

Variety, Selection	Offers	Can be supplied to	History
↓ Colleen	1	United Kingdom	
Supplier + Skea Organics Can be supplied to: United Kingdom	Type of seed tuber	Seed quality In-conversion	Certification Soil Association Certification Ltd. (SACert)

- Can be used for indicating in-conversion seeds
- Add: variety suitable for organic production

Offer Colleen

Variety, Selection	Colleen
Availability	+ Variety currently available
Crop	Potato (<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>)
Selection types	• First early
Type of seed	tuber
Seed quality	In-conversion
Certification	Soil Association Certification Ltd. (SACert)
Breeder	Irish Potato Marketing
Breeding method	Bred for organic
Certification	Soil Association Certification Ltd.
Region(s) in which the variety is recommended	
Region(s) in which the variety is licenced	
Further information	

Heterogeneous Material

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Search for **Crop: wheat**

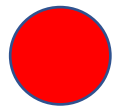
↩ Durum Wheat	<i>Triticum durum Desf.</i>	0
↩ Spring Wheat	<i>Triticum aestivum L.</i>	15
⬇ Winter Wheat	<i>Triticum aestivum L.</i>	10

Selection type	Offers	Classification	
↩ Feed	5	Single derogation	Derogation form
↩ Milling biscuit	1	Single derogation	Derogation form
↩ Milling bread	1	Single derogation	Derogation form
↩ Seeds only available in small quantities	0	Small quantities only	
↩ Heterogeneous Material	3	No derogation possible	

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Quantity and available time period

- Quantity: starting with quantity that is available at beginning, no update during selling
- Period of the year of its availability: Traffic light system



Currently not available



Available from 24th April 2020



Currently available

Quantity and available time period

Search for **Crop: potato**

Potato		<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>			5	
Selection type	Offers	Classification				
⌵ First early Variety, Selection	6	Single derogation			Derogation form	
⌵ Colleen Supplier	1	United Kingdom	Quantity	Type of seed	Seed quality	Certification
Skea Organics available 30th September 2020 Can be supplied to: United Kingdom		1 to	tuber	Basic seed	Soil Association Certification Ltd. (SACert)	
⌵ Duke of York Supplier	1	United Kingdom	Quantity	Type of seed	Seed quality	Certification
Skea Organics Can be supplied to: United Kingdom		500 kg	tuber	Basic seed	Soil Association Certification Ltd. (SACert)	

Implementing acts - draft

- **Authorisation to use non-organic plant reproductive material :**
 - (a) where **no variety of the species** which the user wants to obtain is registered in the database,
 - (b) where **no supplier, is able to deliver** the organic or in-conversion plant reproductive material **in time** for sowing in situations **where the user has ordered the plant reproductive material in reasonable time;**
 - (c) where the **variety which the user wants to obtain is not registered** as organic or in conversion in the database and the user is able to **demonstrate that none of the registered alternatives of the same species are appropriate** in particular to the agronomic and pedo-climatic conditions and necessary technological properties for the production to be obtained;
 - (d) where it is justified for use in **research, test in small-scale field trials, for variety conservation purposes or for product innovation** and agreed by the competent authority of the Member State.

Implementing acts – draft – reasons for derogation

Reason

In the dialogue box below, please enter the reason as to why you wish to use the desired variety. Please complete this form accurately. Incomplete forms cannot be processed.

(a) No variety of the species which I want to use are registered in the UK organic seed database.

(b) The seed supplier is unable to deliver the seed or seed potatoes before sowing or planting despite ordering the seed or seed potatoes in reasonable time.

(c) The variety which I want to use is not registered in the database and I can demonstrate that none of the registered alternatives of the same species are appropriate for my production (you will need to indicate the reason they are not appropriate).

(d) This variety is to be grown for

(d1) research purpose

(d2) use in small-scale field trials

(d3) variety conservation purposes.

(d4) product innovation

Notes

Please enter the justification for a derogation request in the box below.

For reason (c) you must give written justification in the box. You may be asked for written justification from your certification body for any derogation request, irrespective of the reason.

Grass and forage mixtures: You must enter each non-organic component separately. Please ensure that the mix contains at least 70% organic seed.

Potatoes: Seed potatoes must be sourced organically. Approval for non-organic varieties may be given in exceptional circumstances. Please contact your certification body to discuss the requirements.

Justification:

The available varieties are not appropriate for the conditions of the farm.

Implementing acts – draft - Annex II - 1.8.5.1.

- By way of derogation from point 1.8.1, where the data collected in the database shows that the **qualitative or quantitative needs** of the operator regarding relevant **organic plant reproductive material**, are not met, the **operator may use in-conversion plant reproductive material** when in compliance with Article 10(4)(a).

➡ Derogation for in-conversion seeds needed?

Implementing acts – draft - Annex II - 1.8.5.1.

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Notes

Currently following varieties are available in your country:
Coleen (organic); Roxi (organic), Laura (organic, 1th July); Linda (in-conversion),
Hela (in-conversion)

Justification:

The available varieties are not appropriate for the conditions of the farm.

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Non-derogation-list (Category I)

- Member States shall create an official list of species, sub-species , varieties (grouped if applicable) **for which it is established that organic or in-conversion plant reproductive material is available in sufficient quantities**
- The species, subspecies or varieties included in that list **may not be subject of authorisations in the national territory** unless these are justified by one of the purposes referred to in point 1.8.5.6. (d).
- When shortage **the competent authority may remove a species, subspecies or variety from the list**

Implementing acts - draft – General Derogation

- Member State may annually grant a **general authorisation, if:**
 - a) for a given species or subspecies when and in so far as **no variety is registered** in the database;
 - b) for a given variety when and in so far as the conditions laid down in paragraph 1.8.5.6. c) are fulfilled.
- When using a general authorisation, **operators shall keep records of quantity used and competent authorities responsible for authorisations shall list the quantities** of authorised non-organic plant reproductive material.

List of species for which no derogation is granted (Category I)

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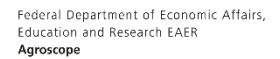
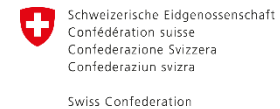
Search for **Crop: potato**

[↓](#) Potato *Solanum tuberosum* 62

Selection type	Offers	Classification	
→ First early	7	Category I	Category I form
→ Main crop	24	Single derogation	Derogation form
→ Processing	3	General Derogation	Confirmation form
→ Second early	11	Single derogation	Derogation form



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