

## Request to purchase animals from non-organic units

Please fill in this form completely. This service will be charged according to our price list.

### Applicant/operator

<b>b.i Number</b>	
<b>Name of operator</b>	

### Information

Organic livestock shall be born and raised on organic production units. The introduction of non-organic animals into an organic production unit may be authorised where organic animals are not available in sufficient quality or quantity in the territory of the country where your operation is located under the following conditions:

- For breeding purposes, non-organic young animals may be introduced when a herd or flock is constituted for the first time. They shall be reared in accordance with the organic production rules immediately after they are weaned. In addition, the following restrictions shall apply on the date on which those animals enter the herd or flock:
  - (a) bovine animals, equine animals and cervine animals shall be less than six months old;
  - (b) ovine animals and caprine animals shall be less than 60 days old;
  - (c) porcine animals shall weigh less than 35 kg;
  - (d) rabbits shall be less than three months old.
- For breeding purposes, non-organic adult male and non-organic nulliparous female animals may be introduced for the renewal of a herd or flock. The number of female animals is subject to the following restrictions per year:
  - (a) up to a maximum of 10 % of adult equine animals or bovine animals and 20 % of the adult porcine animals, ovine animals, caprine animals, rabbits or cervine animals may be introduced;
  - (b) for units with fewer than 10 equine animals, cervine animals or bovine animals or rabbits, or with fewer than five porcine animals, ovine animals or caprine animals, any such renewal shall be limited to a maximum of one animal per year.
- In case of a major extension of the farm, replacing of one breed by another, initiation of a new livestock specialisation, the percentages of female animals may be increased up to 40 %.
- Pullets for the production of eggs and poultry for meat less than 3 days old where a flock is constituted for the first time, or is renewed or reconstituted.
- For breeding purposes, non-organically raised animals may be brought to an organic production unit when breeds are in danger of being lost to farming. In such case, the animals of those breeds need not necessarily be nulliparous.

Percentages are referring to actual number of female adults.

Animals will be organic after a conversion period as follows:

- equidae and bovines for meat production: 12 months, and in any case at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of their lifetime
- small ruminants, porcines, animals for milk production: 6 months
- poultry for meat production, brought in before they are 3 days old
- peking ducks, brought in before they are 3 days old: 7 weeks
- poultry for egg production, brought in before they are 3 days old: 6 weeks
- rabbits: 3 months
- cervines: 3 months



