**Derogation Form for Poultry**

SOPA standard 3.2.3 states that ‘livestock used for breeding and for replacements should be derived from organic farms wherever possible. However, where organic animals are not available in sufficient numbers, OF&G (Scotland) may authorise a number of derogations to allow the introduction of non-organic livestock on a controlled basis.’ **OF&G (Scotland) must know the reason for purchasing non-organic livestock before any purchases take place. Failure to do so may lead to the removal of purchased livestock.**

**Step 1**

Check the availability of organic livestock at [www.sopa.org.uk/classifieds\_livestock.php](http://www.sopa.org.uk/classifieds_livestock.php), by contacting SOPA on 0131 335 6635 or by checking <http://www.ofgorganic.org> or [www.soilassociation.org/organicmarketplace](http://www.soilassociation.org/organicmarketplace).

**Step 2**

If suitable organic animals are not available then OF&G (Scotland) will consider your request to purchase non-organic flock replacements (non-organic chicks/part-organic pullets for meat/egg production). Justification for this must be provided by completion of this form, a completed form must be submitted to OF&G (Scotland) and approved prior to non-organic stock arriving on the holding.

**Poultry**

Where organically reared poultry are not available: non-organic chicks under three days old, under organic management for at least ten weeks may be used for organic meat production; and non-organic pullets under eighteen weeks old, under organic management for at least six weeks may be used for organic egg production.

**Notes:**

1. To be completed by all SOPA poultry producers seeking approval to bring-in non-organic birds;
2. Please answer all the relevant questions and sign and date the bottom box;
3. For part-organic pullets the supplier’s declaration of organic feed and vet management must be kept on file.
4. Part-organic pullets must undergo a six-week conversion; non-organic table birds must undergo a ten-week conversion before any products can be marketed as organic.

***This form should be completed by all SOPA poultry producers seeking approval to bring-in non-organic/part-organic birds. Please answer all the relevant questions and sign and date the Producer Statement (last box) as incomplete forms cannot be processed.***

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| **Producer Name:**  | **SOPA Membership Number:** |
| **Address:** |

Please complete the following:

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| What type of birds are being brought-in? (e.g. pullets or table-bird chicks, ducks, goslings etc.) |  |
| How many non-organic birds are to be purchased? |  |
| What age will these be? |  |
| Estimated arrival date? |  |
| Name and address of the supplier of the non-organic birds. |  |
| List the organisations/registered producers you have contacted to locate organic birds (name, date contacted, and telephone number). |  |
| Please explain why you are not obtaining organic birds and why the organic birds that are available are not suitable.Continue on a separate sheet if necessary. |  |
| **For part-organic pullets only**Has a copy of the supplier’s declaration that the part-organic pullets have been managed to the organic feed and vet standards been attached to this Record Sheet? |  |
| **Statement by Producer:**I confirm that the above information is correct.  | Name:  | Date:  |

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| **OFFICIAL USE****Approved / not approved by:** | **Date:** |
| **Reasons/conditions:** |

Email: **certification@sopa.org.uk**Fax: **01939 291250**

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