**Derogation Form for Grazing Non-Organic Livestock**

SOPA standard 2.4.3 states that ‘SOPA recognises that Scottish organic farms may not always have access to sufficient organic animals to control and manage grazing at certain periods of the year. For grazing management purposes only, OF&G (Scotland) may authorise derogation for non-organic animals to use organic land for no more than 120 days in each calendar year. It will generally not be acceptable for non-organic animals to graze pasturage if organic animals of the same species are on the same holding. However, an additional derogation may be authorised by OF&G (Scotland) in cases where organic livestock is unavailable, if adequate separation can be demonstrated, and appropriate management for bio security, and in particular parasite control, is identified within the approved Animal Health Plan.’. The 120 days is calculated per whole organic unit not individual fields.

**Step 1**

Check the availability of organic graziers through [www.sopa.org.uk/classifieds](http://www.sopa.org.uk/classifieds), SOPA newsletter classifieds, by contacting SOPA Membership Support on 0131 335 6635 or emailing [info@sopa.org.uk](mailto:info@sopa.org.uk) or by checking [www.ofgorganic.org](http://www.ofgorganic.org) or [www.soilassociation.org/organicmarketplace](http://www.soilassociation.org/organicmarketplace).

**Step 2**

If no organic livestock are available then OF&G (Scotland) will consider your request to graze non-organic livestock on your holding. Justification for this must be provided by the accurate completion of this form. \*If organic and non-organic animals of the same species are to be grazed on the same holding then additional information describing the separation of these is required.

***Please complete this form accurately. Continue field details on additional sheet if needed.***

***Incomplete forms cannot be processed & will cause delays.***

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| **Producer Name and Address:** | | **Stock Owner Name and Address:** | | | | |
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| **SOPA Membership Number:** | | **Stock ID mark e.g. herd/flock No., keel mark:** | | | | |
| **Fields to be Grazed** | **Livestock Species, Class & Breed**  (e.g. cattle, heifers, Aberdeen Angus) | | **No. of Stock** | **Same Species on Holding?\***  (Tick if yes) | **Grazing Dates** | |
| **Start** | **End** |
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| **OFFICIAL USE**  **Approved / not approved by:** | **Date:** |
| **Reasons /conditions:** | |

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