**Approval Form for Supplementary Nutrient Inputs**

SOPA standard 4.1.5 states that ‘home produced manures should be the basis of soil fertility - they can be supplemented by certain other manures or fertilisers in closely defined circumstances.’ **OF&G (Scotland) must know the reason for wanting to apply any supplementary mineral nutrients (other than the ‘permitted for use by the SOPA Standards’ nutrients listed in the first part of section 4.4.1 of the SOPA Standards) before any applications take place. Failure to do so may lead to the de-certification of your crop/field.**

If your soil has a low level of fertility then OF&G (Scotland) will consider your request to apply supplementary nutrients. Justification for this must be provided by the completion of this form along with a soil analysis showing low levels of fertility of your soil/recommendations from a suitably qualified advisor. If you wish to apply sulphate of potash, then OF&G (Scotland) also requires details of the clay content or CEC of the soil as justification for its application (the clay content must be lower than 20%, or the CEC must be lower than 15). Please refer to section 4.4.1 of the SOPA standards for details of permitted and restricted (permitted for use by SOPA Standards subject to prior approval by OF&G (Scotland)) nutrients.

***This form should be completed prior to the application of any supplementary nutrients that are not in the ‘permitted for use by SOPA’ list in section 4.4.1 of the SOPA standards. Please complete this form accurately. Incomplete forms cannot be processed.***

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| **Producer Name and Address:** | | **SOPA Number:** | | **Supplier Used:** | |
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| **Field ID** | **Nutrient Deficiency** | | **Supplementary Nutrient Requested** | | **Soil Analysis** |
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| **Official Use**  **Approved / Not Approved by:** | **Date:** |
| **Reasons / Conditions:** | |

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