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### Background

Australian Organic Limited, as owner of the Australian Certified Organic Standard, made available a Derogation from the livestock feeding requirements, due to ongoing extreme drought conditions throughout much of Australia, in March of 2019.

The conditions of the Derogation as published previously, are:

***In extenuating circumstances, such as prolonged drought, up to 25% (by mass) of the daily agricultural origin dry matter feed intake may be from non organic sources, where suitable risk management procedures, such as GMO and pesticide residue testing, has been conducted on the non organic feed component, and with approval from the Certification Body.***

Drought conditions in many areas of Australia have continued, and yield expectations for this year's winter crop have been further downgraded.

### Guidance

The availability of the above derogation has been extended until May 2020. Re-assessment of the situation and an update provided during, or before May 2020.

### Implementation

The above changes come into effect immediately upon publishing of this Notification.

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