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Category: Update to the Australian Certified Organic Standard (ACOS) 2019v1
Title: EU Input Annexes

Background

The European Commission published Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2164 on 17th December 2019. The regulation is an amendment to Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products.

The updates to the annexes formalise recommendations made by the Expert Group for Technical Advice on Organic Production (EGTOP).

The government to government equivalence arrangement that exists between Australia and the EU relevant to plant products is unaffected by this change. Similarly, the third country control body approval for ACO Certification Limited (which includes scopes of wine and livestock products) which is based upon the ACOS remains unchanged.

Notwithstanding the above, given that the Australian Certified Organic Standard 2019 includes references directly to existing annexes in Regulation (EC) No 889/2008, which have now been updated, the references to these annexes must also be updated.

These changes will only affect operators certified for exporting organic produce to the EU.

Update to Standard

All updates exist within ACOS Annex VI - Additional Requirements for Exporting to the EU

Point 10:

Delete: Any food additives used in organic products shall be those only included in Annex VIII to Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008...

Replace with: Any food additives used in organic products shall be those only included in Annex VIII to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2019/2164...



Point 28:

Delete: Feed materials and additives must be limited to those listed in Annex V and VI of Regulation (EC) 889/2008.

Replace with: Feed materials and additives must be limited to those listed in Annex V of Regulation (EC) 889/2008, and Annex III of Regulation (EC) 2019/2164.

Point 35:

Delete: Phytotherapeutic and homeopathic products, trace elements and products listed in section 1 of Annex V and in section 3 of Annex VI of Regulation (EC) 889/2008 shall be used...

Replace with: Phytotherapeutic and homeopathic products, trace elements and products listed in section 1 of Annex V of Regulation (EC) 889/2008, or in section 3 of Annex III of Regulation (EC) 2019/2164 shall be used...

Point 45.

Delete: ...and appropriate products listed in Annex II of Regulation (EC) 889/2008 are permitted.

Replace with: ...and appropriate products listed in Annex II of Regulation (EC) 2019/2164 are permitted.

Point 56.

Delete: ...natural products such as peat, wood, mineral products listed in Annex I or Regulation (EC) 889/2008...

Replace with: ...natural products such as peat, wood, mineral products listed in Annex I of Regulation (EC) 2019/2164...

Point 67.

Delete: Inputs for crop use must be limited to those listed in Annex I and II of Regulation (EC) 889/2008, including subsequent amendments.



Replace with: Inputs for crop use must be limited to those listed in Annex I and II of Regulation (EC) 2019/2164, including subsequent amendments.

Point 68.

Delete: Inputs and additives for processed products must be limited to those listed in Annex VIII of Regulation (EC) 889/2008, including subsequent amendments.

Replace with: Inputs and additives for processed products must be limited to those listed in Annex IV of Regulation (EC) 2019/2164, including subsequent amendments.

Implementation

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

Should you have any queries regarding these changes, please contact your certification body.

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