

Request to purchase animals from non-organic units

Please fill in this form completely. This service will be charged according to our price list.

Applicant/operator

b.i Number	
Name of operator	

Please read the following instruction carefully

1. Equine, bovine, ovine, caprine or porcine animals

The number of animals which may be purchased from non-organic units for breeding purposes is limited to a maximum of:

- 10% of female nulliparous animals of adult equine or bovine species
- 20% of female nulliparous animals of adult porcine, ovine and caprine species
- for units with less than 10 equine or bovine animals, or with less than five porcine, ovine or caprine animals, renewal is restricted to 1 animal per year

Percentages are referring to actual number of female adults.

For purchase of more animals from non-organic units, authorisation needs to be obtained before purchase. Upon receipt of a justified request, the certification body may authorise purchase:

- Up to a maximum of 40% of animals of the planned final number of heads

For fattening animals, no such derogation is possible.

2. Poultry

In case of unavailability of organic poultry, non-organically reared poultry may be purchased as follows:

- When a flock is constituted for the first time, renewed or reconstituted. The purchased pullets for the production of eggs and poultry for meat production must be less than 3 days old.
- Non-organically reared pullets for egg production may be brought into an organic livestock unit. The purchased pullets may not be more than 18 weeks old.

For all animals, there must be proof of unavailability of organic animals.

Please mind the marketing conditions according to the bi-OS, Article 38, which apply for non-organic animals purchased under this request. Animals will be organic after a conversion period as follows:

- equidae and bovines: 12 months, and in any case at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of their lifetime
- small ruminants and pigs: 6 months
- poultry, brought in before they are three days old: 10 weeks
- milk: 6 months
- eggs: 6 weeks

Attachments:

- Proof of unavailability of organic animals of desired breed
- In case of high mortality due to disease: confirmation of the exceptional situation from the veterinarian, the municipality or the agricultural advisory service.
- In case of risk that a certain breed will be lost to farming: confirmation of the exceptional situation from the veterinarian, the municipality or the agricultural advisory service.

All receipts for purchases and sales must be present during inspection.

Signature by the operator.....
Place/Date.....
Signature.....
Name and function

Send the completed document with attachments to: international@bio-inspecta.ch

Decision by certifier:

- Request is approved
- Request is rejected

Explanation & justification.....
Place/Date.....
Signature