# **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**

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| **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

When a flock is renewed or reconstituted, non-organically reared poultry may be purchased, provided that the pullets for the production of eggs and poultry for meat production are less than three days 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 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

**Justification**

For mammals, which of the following criteria is applicable?

Significant enlargement of herd/flock (increase in animals in a livestock category by more than 20% of the average number of animals over the past two years

number last year       number current year

Change of breed (e.g. from Brown Swiss to Jersey)

change from       to

New livestock specialisation is initiated

new specialisation       breed

Risk that a certain breed will be lost to farming

desired breed

information about the risk that the breed will be lost to farming

High mortality due to disease

please describe

* the application must be accompanied by a confirmation of the exceptional situation from the veterinarian, the municipality or the agricultural advisory service.
* animals must not necessarily be nulliparous

**Information about livestock and planned purchase:**

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| Concerned species (bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine, poultry) |  |
| Current number of adults of the concerned species |  |
| Desired final number of adults of the concerned species |  |
| Desired number of animals from non-organic units |  |
| Desired breed |  |

**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.

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| **Signature by the operator**         …………………………………………… ………………………………………. ……………………………………  Place/Date Signature Name and function |

**Send the completed document with attachments to**: [international@bio-inspecta.ch](mailto:international@bio-inspecta.ch)

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| **Decision by certifier***:*  Request is approved  Request is rejected  **Explanation & justification**            …………………………………………. ……………………………………….  Place/Date Signature |