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Farm inputs and Processing Aids

All organic standards and mandatory norms refer to separate generic lists of inputs that may be used on organic farms as soil amendments or for control and management of pests and diseases on crops and for food processing where a distinction between 'aids' and 'additives' is usually made.

Under the IFOAM Norms the inputs lists at Appendix 2 and 3 are not intended to be comprehensive or detailed but CB standards 'can only contain additional inputs in the categories listed'.

The IOAS recently had reason to consider whether inputs listed under Appendix 2 (Fertilizers and soil conditioners) could also be used as crop protectants and growth regulators alongside those listed under Appendix 3 and vice versa.

With regard to IFOAM Norms it was decided that due to the possibility of unknown chemical reactions and interactions in unanticipated circumstances that this cannot be permitted with regard to pesticides and fertiliser permitted lists.

It was further considered however if a material is permitted as a processing aid, it can also be used as an additive provided that any restrictions that appear in the listing are fully respected.

Certifiers are reminded that the inputs lists applied under both the Canada Organic Regime and Regulation (EC) 834/2007 are closed lists and therefore no cross over of products can be permitted unless the product appears on both lists of the standard.

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