



BioGro Organic Standards

Amendment No.1

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

This amendment has been issued to:

- Correct an error in numbering, and
- Include a recent USDA National Organic Programme (NOP) clarification.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:

These standards changes:

- Must be covered in your next annual update of your Organic Management Plan (OMP), ie your next annual renewal application, and
- Will be covered at your next annual audit, and
- Must be fully implemented by 31st October 2010 at the latest.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Please transfer the following standards changes into your copy of the BioGro Organic Standards.

Module 4 Orchard Production

Section 3.1.3 – g. Raw manures (page 5)

Add to the end of this clause this paragraph:

Note that orchards producing certified products to be exported to the US (including products which will be ingredients of certified processed products to be exported to the US) must comply with the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) requirements for application of raw manures. The NOP requires that livestock grazing or working on NOP certified orchards must be withdrawn from the orchard at least 90 days before harvest to ensure that raw manure is not applied to that orchard within that time period.

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Section 3.4 – Sward (page 10)

Delete “3.5.2” and replace with “3.4.2”

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Module 9 Crop Production

Section 3.1.3 – g. Raw manures (page 5)

Add to the end of this clause:

Note that cropping farms producing certified products to be exported to the US (including products which will be ingredients of certified processed products to be exported to the US) must comply with the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) requirements for application of raw manures. The NOP requires that livestock grazing or working on NOP certified cropping land must be withdrawn from that land at least 120 days before harvest to ensure that raw manure is not applied to that land or crop within that time period.

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Module 10 Viticulture and Winemaking

Section 4.1.3 – g. Raw manures (page 7)

Add to the end of this clause:

Note that vineyards producing certified grapes for wine to be exported to the US as wine made from organic grapes must comply with the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) requirements for application of raw manures. The NOP requires that livestock grazing or working on NOP certified vineyards must be withdrawn from the vineyard at least 90 days before harvest to ensure that raw manure is not applied to that vineyard within that time period.

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Appendix B

Section B1.3 – Manures (page 2)

Add to the end of this clause:

Note that properties producing certified products to be exported to the US (including products which will be ingredients of certified processed products to be exported to the US) must comply with the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) requirements for application of raw manures. The NOP requires that livestock grazing or working on NOP certified properties must be withdrawn from orchards and vineyards at least 90 days before harvest, and from cropping land at least 120 days before harvest, to ensure that raw manure is not applied to that land or crop within those time periods.

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Section B1.5 – Biological activators (page 2)

Add to the end of this clause:

Note that for properties producing certified products to be exported to the US (including products which will be ingredients of certified processed products to be exported to the US) the use of bio-dynamic preparations, microbial activators, and other preparations made from uncomposted raw manures must comply with the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) requirements for application of raw manures. The last use of such preparations on orchards and vineyards must be at least 90 days before harvest, and on crops and cropping land must be at least 120 days before harvest, to ensure that raw manure is not applied to that land or crop within those time periods.

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Section B2.3 – Pest and disease control (page 5)

Delete the first bullet point and **replace** with:

- copper in the forms of copper hydroxide, copper oxychloride, copper sulphate, and cuprous oxide. Total applications of copper must not exceed 3 kg copper active ingredient per hectare per year.

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