

Information Sheet

Using out-of-house, organic fertilizer

Since January 1st 2009, the EU organic regulation does not require the permission of the inspection point when using out-of-house, organic fertilizer.

The EU-organic regulation assumes, that farmers are aware of the regulations and only use fertilizer in allowed quantity and quality. It is required, that documents are available during the inspection, to enable the inspectors to verify and assess the used fertilizer. The regulation applies to fertilizer from conventional or organic establishments.

Practical realization:

In order to make sure that you have all needed documents for the use of fertilizers available during inspection, we have compiled blank forms for the most important fertilizers (farm manure*, compost, components required for composting, biogas). We will gladly supply you with the needed forms. You can also find these forms on our homepage.

* Important information concerning farm manure can be found on the sheet.

The completely filled in document as well as all other requirements must be available during the organic inspection.

If these documents are incomplete or missing, and it is not possible to assess if the fertilizers meet the regulations, a complaint will be filed.

Please do not forget to record the use of fertilizers in your documentation journal.

Our service:

Furthermore, we offer to assess your fertilizer before use.

Please send a filled in document including all necessary attachments to ABG/BG. You will receive a feedback, if your fertilizer meets the regulations or not. Now you can be sure, that your inspection will go quickly and smoothly.

The following farm manure may not be used according to the EU organic regulation:

According to the EU organic regulation, farm manure from conventional establishments may only be used, if it does not originate from „industrial animal husbandry“.

The following housing conditions are considered „industrial animal husbandry“ and fertilizer originating from there are not usable for organic establishments:

- Fully slatted systems
- Poultry farming without outlets
- Cage systems (not allowed anymore! Pay attention at imports)
- For HR: Animals are kept in absence of natural light or in artificially controlled lighting conditions throughout their breeding cycle and/or the animals are permanently tied or have no resting space covered with plant litter throughout the breeding cycle

These criteria also apply to follow-up product and commercial fertilizer, that contain components from these housing conditions.