

Calcium Burogluconate

As a follow up to the previous notice dated 20 August 2009, NZFSA have confirmed that the use of Calcium Burogluconate is to be phased out from use on USDA NOP certified farms.

As stated we are unable to approve any new applications for the use of this product. If you have a current approval to use this product you may continue to do so until your next review of your OMP or until 1 July 2010, whichever comes first. At the next OMP review, calcium borogluconate must be removed as an emergency treatment.

After this review date, NOP certified cows that are treated with calcium borogluconate will lose their NOP certified status. There will be no loss of NOP certification for cows (and their products) which have been treated up to the OMP review date.

Current approval to use this product will have been either through direct approval of the product listed in your OMP or if we have granted approval via an input approval form or emergency treatment form (as an appendix to your OMP).

This transition only applies to those operators who have calcium borogluconate listed in their OMP. Those operators who do not have calcium borogluconate listed in their OMP will not be able to use it and retain the NOP certified status of any cow which is treated.

Please start thinking now of alternative strategies for milk fever as CBG won't be available for use during next spring calving season.

A reminder that the organic standards require that treatment should not be withheld from livestock to retain the organic status of the animals. The welfare of the animal is most important.

This serves as a reminder that a large emphasis is put on what is specified in the Organic Management Plan and that it needs to be reviewed annually.