

Derogation – Use of Non-organic Oyster Spat

A derogation relating to clause 5.1912.3 (The maximum number of non-organic aquaculture juveniles or seed from non-organic bivalve hatcheries introduced to the farm shall be: 80% by 31 December 2011) is as follows:

“Where there are no available organic, or wild sources, of pacific oyster spat (*Crassostrea gigas*) as a result of Ostreid herpesvirus-1 (OsHV-1), AsureQuality may allow brought-in conventional spat to be sourced. The conversion period for such animals is to be a minimum of 6 months. The resultant oysters may not be exported to the EU if represented as organic.”

This derogation is subject to written application, including appropriate justification, and only relates to the AsureQuality Standard, each approval is restricted in time, the derogation as a whole expires in Dec 2013 and is subject to review at the end of 2012.

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