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DF05 Non-Organic Seed Derogation Instruction

- ***DF05 Non-Organic Seed Derogation** should be completed to apply for approval for the use of single varieties of seed, grass & forage seed mixes; fruit stocks & hedging plants.
Organic seeds/ plants **must** be used where available (*Welsh Organic Scheme Standards 1.49*). However, where no suitable/ appropriate Organic alternative is available, **untreated** Non-Organic seed/ plants may be used with prior approval by QWFC.
- *Derogation approval must be gained from QWFC prior to sowing/planting
Agronomic justification must be given for the variety to be sown if different varieties of that species are listed on the Organic X Seeds Database
- *Derogation approval cannot be granted on grounds of cost

Completing an Application

- 1 Check the UK Organic Seed Database at www.organicxseeds.co.uk for availability of Organic Seed
- 2 If the variety that you require is not available and alternative varieties are agronomically unsuitable then an application for the use of Non-Organic untreated seed should be made to QWFC.
- 3 One of the following must be used as Justification for the application:
 - A)** No Variety of the species required is registered on the UK organic seed database.
 - B)** Organic seed/ plants will not be available before the planned sowing date
 - C)** The variety required is not available on the Database and it can be demonstrated that none of the registered alternatives of the same species are agronomically suitable
 - D1)** For research purposes
 - D2)** Small scale field trials
 - D3)** For variety conservation purposes
 - *E)** The seed is part of a grass or forage mix containing at least the minimum percentage (by weight) of Organic seed for the year
 - *F)** For seed production