

Organic Farming Scheme Verifiable Standards

Verifiable standards and guidelines for classification of failures of under the Organic Farming Scheme in Wales

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Requirement to notify sale/ transfer of land.			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Commitment requires sales and transfers to be notified within 30 days.	Low: Notification received, but not within 30 days.	1	Rectifiable 1
	Medium: No notification received.	1	Rectifiable 1

Requirement to maintain Organic Status throughout lifetime of agreement			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Organic status is reverted to in conversion from fully organic. Baseline requirement: SMR 9 Restrictions on the use of plant protection products	Measurable High: where the Code of Practice for Using Plant Protect Products is not followed.	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Amalgamation of parcels that are of different organic status, found as a result of FM3 submission or during an on farm inspection.	Measurable	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Organic Status Revoked	Recover all payments made and terminate agreement.		

Artificially creating the conditions required to obtain the payments	
Breach	Recovery Action
Evidence that conditions have been artificially created to obtain the payments.	Do not pay for the scheme in the year that the claim was made.

Retention of land under commitment	
Breach	Recovery Action
Area taken out of agreement results in area remaining being less than the minimum required area to be eligible for the Scheme.	Recover all payments made and terminate agreement.