



Notification: 2401
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Category: Update to the Australia Organic Standard (ACOS) 2023v1
Title: General Updates

Background

Following the release of the ACOS 2023 version, some areas were identified where additional clarification would improve understanding and application. The following updates have been made to refine the document.

Annex III: Additives:

Context: Clarification around the definition of “unmodified” in and allowance within pectin was requested. This has been clarified to align with international standards.

Remove: INS 440 Pectin (GA) Unmodified

Replace with: INS 440 Pectin (GA) Unmodified or synthetic non-amidated high methoxy pectin from agricultural origin only.

Point 7.9.1.v.:

Context: The reference to the appropriate table for sulphur dioxide levels within wine has been updated.

Remove: v. Sulphur dioxide for preserving wine to a maximum level as defined in Table 7a

Replace with: v. Sulphur dioxide for preserving wine to a maximum level as defined in Table 7b

Annex III: Additives:

Context: The reference to the appropriate table for permissible amounts of Potassium metabisulphite has been updated.

Remove: INS 224 Potassium metabisulphite (W) Refer to table 7a for permissible amounts.

Replace with: INS 224 Potassium metabisulphite (W) Refer to table 7b for permissible amounts.



Annex III: Additives:

Context: The reference to the appropriate table for permissible amounts of Sulphur dioxide has been updated.

Remove: INS 220 Sulphur dioxide (W) Refer to table 7a for permissible amounts.

Replace with: INS 220 Sulphur dioxide (W) Refer to table 7b for permissible amounts.

Annex III: Processing Aids:

Context: The reference to the appropriate table for permissible amounts of Sulphur dioxide has been updated.

Remove: INS 220 Sulphur dioxide (W) Refer to table 7a for permissible amounts.

Replace with: INS 220 Sulphur dioxide (W) Refer to table 7b for permissible amounts.

Point 8.4:

Context: Numbering oversight where Section 8.4.10 was inadvertently skipped. The section numbers have been corrected.

Remove: 8.4.11 Pest control measures within storage areas or transport containers will include physical barriers and the permitted storage treatment techniques and substances listed within Table 8.

Replace with: 8.4.10 Pest control measures within storage areas or transport containers will include physical barriers and the permitted storage treatment techniques and substances listed within Table 8.

Point 3.5.1:

Context: Updated the exceptions to labelling requirements following industry feedback.

Remove: All products, raw or processed, marketed as certified organic shall include all of the following details on all packaging bound for retail sale:



- i. The name of the product (singular product, e.g. eggs) or a description of the compounded product with an ingredients list
- ii. Appropriate reference to certification (e.g., Organic, Organic in conversion, etc.)
- iii. Certification Body name, certification number, and relevant Bud logo
- iv. Name and address and/or registered mark of the certified operator or owner of the product and/or label as required by law

The only exceptions to these labelling requirements are:

- a. Where space becomes an issue such as in raw products (e.g. fruit) for individual sale where a single sticker with the Bud logo and certification number can be used as per ACOS Style Guide
- b. At farmers markets and certified organic retailers where fresh products are unpackaged or sold separately
- c. With products destined for export where the end market has different labelling requirements
- d. Manufactured Allowed Inputs and Textiles, as separate labelling requirements will apply

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Table 5c:

Context: Additional clarification on spaying procedures.

Remove: Spaying: Only in cattle and only where appropriate pain relief is administered.

Replace with: Spaying: Any procedures using the flank approach for spaying, or the webbing of cattle require administration of appropriate pain relief. The Dropped Ovary Technique of spaying does not require use of pain relief, although it is still recommended.



Derogation 4.2.5

Context: Derogation 4.2.5 has been renumbered to 4.2.4 to align with the correct section of the ACOS Standard.

Remove: Derogation 4.2.5

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Replace with: Derogation 4.2.4

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