

# Friend of the Earth Standard

## FOE-POULTRY

### Criteria and indicators for sustainable poultry farming products certification



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## **REQUIREMENTS CATEGORIES**

1. SYSTEM OF SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
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## **1ST ATTACHMENT - MINIMUM AREAS**

## Description of the organization

*This document must be compiled only by the Certification Body and the responsible Auditor for the audit. The form must be compiled in the mother language or in English, only if it is perfectly known.*

*In case the organization is a Farmers Cooperative, checks will be carried out every year using a verified homogeneous sample, of not less the total square root of the companies belonging to the Cooperative.*

**a) NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION TO BE AUDITED:**

**b) NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT REQUIRES THE AUDIT:**

**c) IS THE ORGANIZATION TO BE AUDITED PART OF A GROUP OR ASSOCIATION?**

**d) ADDRESS OF THE ORGANIZATION TO BE AUDITED:**

**e) NAME AND CONTACT OF THE ORGANIZATION-TO-BE-AUDITED RESPONSIBLE:**

**f) FARMED SPECIES COMMON AND SCIENTIFIC NAME AND BREEDS:**

**g) SITES INCLUDED IN THE CERTIFICATION:**

Name of the company	Coordinates	Description

**h) SITES INSPECTED DURING THE AUDIT:** *(The auditor must list any field or agricultural company actually inspected as sample of the total if different from g)*

Name of the company	Coordinates	Description

**i) FARMING TECHNIQUES DESCRIPTION:**

**l) ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION TO BE AUDITED:**

☐ **incubation**

☐ **breeding**

☐ **slaughtering**

☐ **transformation**

☐ **distribution**

☐ **direct sale to the consumer**

☐ **feed production**

☐ **other activities (description):**

**m) DESCRIPTION OF FINAL PRODUCT:**

*(ex: fresh, frozen, canned, others)*

**n) TRADEMARKS OF FINISHED PRODUCTS:**

*(list of trademarks/brands by which the product is sold, including products for third-parties, for example large distribution. If available, include trademarks/brands images)*

**o) DESCRIPTION AND POSITION OF ANY COLD STORAGE ROOM AND STORAGES:**

*(For products traceability)*

**p) TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES:**

**q) ENVIRONMENTAL, QUALITY AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS CERTIFICATIONS AND ATTESTATIONS:**

**r) EXTRA USEFUL INFORMATIONS:**

**Friend of the Earth projects has been presented**

(Otherwise, the auditor must provide a short description)

**The audited company has been informed that, in case of approval confirmation, it may use Friend of Earth logo on its certified products.**

**The company has a copy of the organigram that identifies roles of the staff involved in the audit.**

**Audit duration has been confirmed.**

**Data of preliminary information form have been confirmed:** (in case of different information, specify)

<b>CERTIFICATION BODY:</b>	<b>AUDIT TEAM:</b>	<b>START AND END DATES OF THE AUDIT:</b>
<b>AUDITOR SIGNATURE:</b>	<b>NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE THAT ASSISTS THE AUDITOR DURING THE AUDIT:</b>	<b>AUDIT CODE:</b>

## **NOTES FOR THE AUDITOR**

- 1) *The auditor has to fill any check list field;*
- 2) *The auditor has to read notes in blue squares before filling the fields;*
- 3) *The auditor has to provide a motivation when qualification requirements are not applicable;*
- 4) *The auditor has to answer Yes (Y) when the organization is compliant with the requirement and No (N) when it isn't;*
- 5) *The auditor must provide comments and motivations for positive or negative answers. Yes, No or Not applicable are not sufficient. Any relevant document has to be inserted in the audit final report in a separate and numbered attachment;*
- 6) *Any relevant documentation has to be added to the audit final report in a separate and numbered attachment;*
- 7) *Photo demonstrations to add to the checklist and/or as an attachment are appreciated.*

*As first phase of the audit, the organization must describe any aspect of the production system, such as:*

- *A map showing every crop production are, uncultivated ones and faunistic habitat; superficial waters, streets and buildings, in addition to fields and uncultivated areas extension.*
- *Any crop to be produced during the following year;*
- *Rotation plan and/or perennial crops production;*
- *Practices and suggestions used to maintain the ground healthy and to guarantee cultivations productivity;*
- *Practices and suggestions used to prevent and control parasites, weeds and crops diseases;*
- *Seeds, seedlings and other vegetal materials variety used to propagate crops;*
- *Any other activity in the agricultural company that uses produced crops as an input in the company (i.e. Added value) or that provides inputs to the cultivation system (for ex. Animals, aquaculture and fertiliser)*

## **REQUIREMENTS LEVEL**

**Essential requirements:** Regarding essential requirements a 100% conformity is needed so that the Auditor can certify the organization. Any lack of these requirements is considered a Major Non-Conformity and it will be necessary to use corrective measures that have to be taken within a maximum period of three months from the discovery of Non-Conformity. The organization must provide sufficient evidence of the corrective measures taken for every Major Non-Conformity to the Certification Body. Only regarding the requirement 2.1, considering the complexity of the information treated in it, the given period for the Non-Conformity evaluation is extended to 6 months.

**Important requirements:** Regarding important requirements a 100% conformity is needed, so that the Certification Body can recommend the organization for the certification. Any lack of these requirements is considered a Minor Non-Conformity and it will be necessary to propose corrective measures (declaration of intent and action plan), that will be submitted to the Investigation Body within a maximum of 4 months from the discovery of the Non-Conformity. In the proposal produced, the organization must include a timetable for the making of each corrective action. The maximum time for the complete implementation of each corrective measure is equal to one year.

**Recommendations:** Conformity to recommendations is not a rigorous requirement in order to obtain the certification. But, in the assessment, every aspect related to these requirements will be checked and any lack will be indicated in the Audit report in form of recommendation. The organization must evaluate any possible corrective measure, and within the following inspection, it will have to inform the Certification Body about decisions and corrective measures taken.

Whether a requirement is not applicable to the organization under verification, the requirement has to be marked with N.A

### **Level Caption:**

**E = Essential**

**I = Important**

**R = Recommendation**



## **1 – SYSTEM OF SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

<b>N°</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>1.1</b>	The Organization has a social and environmental management system that involves necessary politics, programs, procedures and registers showing the conformity to these normative requirements	Essential		
<b>1.2</b>	The Organization has identified a person responsible for verifying the conformity to the social and environmental management system.	Essential		
<b>1.3</b>	Any documentation about social and environmental management system has been compiled and archived for three years at least.	Important		
<b>1.4</b>	The organization has made a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) research on its own productive system and it committed to the achievement of annual improvement quantified objectives.	Recomendatio ns		
<b>The auditor must be able to examine documentary proofs supporting requirements above.</b>				
<b>1.5</b>	<b>Staff management</b>			
<b>1.5.1</b>	The Organization has defined practices that prevent the access to working facilities to unauthorised people.	Important		
<b>1.5.2</b>	It is conducted the formation of internal and external staff (when necessary).  Register performed formation activities. Indicate if there have been planned themes related to environmental aspects protection or to prevent practices that are dangerous on this front.	Important		
<b>1.6</b>	<b>Emergency procedures</b>			

1.6.1	<p>There are emergency procedures in the company, containing at least the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-map or address of the agricultural company,</li> <li>-contact person/s,</li> <li>-list of emergency numbers,</li> <li>-position of the nearest phone,</li> <li>-position of fire extinguishers,</li> <li>-points with centralized electricity switchers and of valves that close water and gas.</li> </ul>	Essential		
1.6.2	There are procedures to implement relevant corrective measures in case of accidents related to waste management (ex. Leakage of fertilizers).	Essential		
1.7	<p><b>Agricultural equipment maintenance</b></p> <p>They are maintained so as to prevent that breakages and anomalies can pollute the surrounding environment.</p>	Essential		

## **2 – LEGAL CONFORMITY**

N°	Requirement	Level	Y/N	Comments
2.1	The Organization provides evidences related to the conformity of production and agricultural operations to every environmental law and normative at local, federal, statal and international levels.	Essential		
2.2	<p><b>Medical authorisation</b></p> <p>The Organization disposes of its own identification number.</p>	Essential		

**The auditor must examine documentary evidences provided by authorities supporting the requirement 2.1, at least for a sample of current environmental laws and dispositions.**

### **3 – ECOSYSTEM PRESERVATION**

<b>N°</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comments</b>
3.1	From the date of the request of the first certification forward, the organization must not destroy any natural ecosystem. Also, from the start of the company activities no natural ecosystem may be destroyed by relevant management activities of the company.	Essential		
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Mitigation measures:</b>			
3.2.1	In case a natural ecosystem has been destroyed by activities related to management, the organization must have documented the destruction extent and ecological impact.	Essential		
3.2.2	In case a natural ecosystem has been destroyed by activities related to management, the organization must have developed and implemented, with the help of an expert, a mitigation plan compliant with current legislation and that compensates the negative impact.	Important		
<b>The auditor must collect and attach documentary evidences that, since January 1950 forward, no natural ecosystem has been destroyed.</b>				
3.3	Any area not intended for cultivation, including aquatic and terrestrial environments in the organization site, must be identified and eventually restored.  There is a protection program that also considers the reforestation of areas not intended for agriculture in the agricultural company.	Important		
3.4	Production areas must not be in places that can affect negatively national parks, faunistic shelters, biotope networks, forest reserves, buffer zones or other public or private areas for biological resources protection.	Essential		
<b>The auditor must identify and to list national parks, faunistic shelters, biotope networks, forest reserves, buffer zones and biological resources protection areas in the production area, and potential risks coming from agricultural activities.</b>				

3.5	The organization has to perform a plan to keep or to restore natural ecosystems interconnection in his borders, considering habitat interconnection in landscape terms: for example, using elements such as native vegetation on roadsides and along water courses or river banks, trees, living hedges and barriers, presence of specific areas for biodiversity conservation and preservation.	Important		
<b>3.6</b>	<b>Aquatic ecosystem protection:</b>			
3.6.1	The organization protects aquatic ecosystems from erosion and from agrochemicals displacement or runoff, by creating, for example, protected areas on rivers banks, perennial or temporary water courses, bays, sources, lakes, swamps or other natural water courses.  Ex. ban on fertilization (both organic and inorganic) on adjacent land (within 5 meters) to water courses.	Essential		
3.6.2	The organization must not modify natural water courses to make new irrigation or drainage channels.	Essential		
3.6.3	Water channels that were previously transformed must keep their natural vegetal coerture, or, in case of its absence, it will be necessary to restore this coerture.	Important		
3.7	Company sites development and recovery (buildings, sheds, barns, etc.) includes landscape impact evaluation by an independent study.	Important		

#### **4 – WILDLIFE AND FLORA PROTECTION**

<b>N°</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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4.1	It is necessary to create and preserve an inventory of wildlife and flora found in the company every year.	Recomendation		
4.2	The organization takes special measures to protect species considered vulnerable or at a higher risk in the IUCN Red List in the agricultural company.  <a href="http://www.iucnredlist.org/">http://www.iucnredlist.org/</a>	Important		
4.3	The organization protects and restores ecosystems that provide habitat for fauna and flora in the Organization site, including the ones that provides habitats for fauna that cross the agricultural company during migration.	Essential		

**Habitat means all environments and environmental conditions that allow species to live and to reproduce.**

**To verify requirement 4.3 it is necessary to attach a short description of protection and preservation systems.**

4.4	<b>Regulation of hunting, capture, extraction or wild animals trade activities in the organization:</b>			
4.4.1	Hunting, capture, extraction or wild animals trade activities must be prohibited in the agricultural company, unless there are special and documentable authorizations.	Essential		
4.4.2	When there is the authorization for hunting, capture, extraction or wild animals trade activities in the organization, activities must not involve endangered species.	Essential		

**The auditor must examine documentary evidences supporting requirements above and to provide a list of hunted or captured species.**

## **5 – USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES**

N°	Requirement	Level	Y/N	Comments
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5.1	Chemical products, fuels, oils and other possibly hazardous for people and environment substances are treated in order to avoid food or environmental pollution, or to endangering human health.	Essential		
5.2	Acquisition, deposit, transportation, use and disposal of products at point 5.1 must follow the instructions dictated by the current legislation, so as not to create problems for workers and environmental pollution.	Essential		
<b>The auditor must be able to examine evidence supporting requirements above. Inspect dangerous materials storage rooms.</b>				

## **6 – AGRICULTURAL SYSTEM FOR FEED PRODUCTION**

<b>N°</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comments</b>
6.1	The feed bought by the organization must be certified Friend of the Earth.  If the feed is not certified Friend of the Earth, the company will inform its suppliers of the need to replenish with Friend of the Earth certified feed in future.	Recomenda tion		
6.2	Whether the organization produces the feed, the production must be done according to Friend of the Earth sustainability criteria.	Essential		
6.3	<b>Whether the organization produces the feed, it must:</b>	Essential		
6.3.1	Crop rotation is applied for any annual crop. Annual rotation includes at least 2 different crops. One single crop, considered in the rotation, must cover at least 10% of the usable agricultural area and it has to be not more than 50% of it.  Where isn't possible to use an alternative crop, it is required to use annual green manure.	Essential		

	Regarding horticultural crops: at least 3 different vegetal species during 5 years.			
6.3.2	The organization calculates agricultural yield per input unit (fertility, water or energy, where applicable), and it implements strategies to keep or to improve reference parameters used.	Important		
<b>The auditor must list reference parameters used and implemented strategies.</b>				
<b>6.4</b>	<b>Company production</b>  The orchard register (or company register) is correctly compiled.  (indication of sown varieties and cultivation practices)	Essential		
<b>6.5</b>	<b>Use of agrochemicals:</b>			
6.5.1	The Organization uses biological, chemical, biotechnical and agronomical defence resources rationally.	Essential		
6.5.2	The Organization has a plan to find monitoring strategies on pests, weeds and diseases prevalence, including biological control practices and reducing the use of chemicals.	Important		
6.5.3	The organization tracks number and population of species useful for biological control, and it implements strategies to improve their habitat and to introduce new useful species.	Important		
6.5.4	Whether it is necessary to use agrochemicals, the organization uses slightly persistent low impact active substances with a limited residual action, according to current legislation.	Essential		
6.5.5	The Organization does not use inputs that are considered "highly toxic" by current legislation about weeds, parasites and disease control.	Essential		

6.6	<p>The organization uses feeds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 100% vegetal</li> <li>- free from animal fats</li> <li>- containing purely vegetable dyes</li> <li>- OGM free</li> </ul>	Essential		
<p><b><i>The organization must guarantee that animals are feed using OGM/GMO free foods. The auditor, as objective evidence, will report the OGM/GMO free declaration to the feed supplier.</i></b></p>				

## **7 – SOIL RESOURCES**

N°	Requirement	Level	Y/N	Comments
7.1	Whether the organization produces feeds, it registers and keeps update the following standards:			
7.1.1	Soil type	Essential		
7.1.2	Soil erosion	Important		
7.1.3	Soil coverage	Essential		
7.1.4	Soil organic substance	Essential		
7.1.5	Soil biological activity	Recomendation		
7.1.6	Soil degradation	Important		
7.1.7	Soil nutrients	Essential		
7.2	The organization has defined objectives, soil management and preservation strategies, including evaluation methods to achieve these objectives.	Essential		



7.3	Every year, the Organization evaluates results in terms of objectives, and it adapts strategies consequently.	Essential		
<b>Registrations update must be at least triennial.</b>				

## **8 – WATER RESOURCES**

N°	Requirement	Level	Y/N	Comments
8.1	<b>Superficial and underground waters:</b>			
8.1.1	Water used for agricultural and farming purposes is analyzed at least once a year.	Important		
8.1.2	Wells are closed to avoid contaminations.	Important		
<b>The auditor must verify the source (well, aqueduct, etc.) of the water used by the company.</b>				
8.2	Any superficial or underground water used by the company for agricultural or production purposes must have concessions and permissions from the corresponding legal or environmental authorities.	Essential		
8.3	<p>The organization must not drain or deposit industrial or domestic waste waters in natural water courses without demonstrating that the drained water complies with relevant legal requirements and that its physical and biochemical characteristics won't deteriorate the receiving water course.</p> <p>These criteria must be respected even if animal's grazing is done on the organization's fields.</p>	Essential		
8.4	In case there are not legal requirements, drained waste waters must respect the following minimum criteria:			

8.4.1	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5, 20) or Total suspended solids: less than 50 mg/L	Essential		
8.4.2	pH: between 6.0 – 9.0	Essential		
8.4.3	Fat and oil: less than 30 mg/L	Essential		
8.4.4	Fecal coliform: absent	Essential		
<b>8.5</b>	<b>Rain water</b>			
8.5.1	Rainwater is collected to be used for cleaning operations or other practices.	Recommendation		
8.5.2	Tanks are closed to avoid contaminations.	Recommendation		
<b>Registrations update must be triennial at least.</b>				

## **9 – ATMOSPHERICAL RESOURCES**

<b>N°</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comments</b>
9.1	The organization has identified GHG emissions sources in agricultural phase and it had defined reduction objectives and strategies for their achievement.	Essential		
9.2	The organizations have identified dusts and micro particulates emissions sources in the agricultural company.  The organization has defined reduction objectives and strategies for their achievement.	Essential		
9.3	<u>Whether the organization produces feeds,</u> regarding used pesticides, it implements at least two of the following phases to reduce displacement risks:  1. enlarge droplets size;	Important		

	2. choose formulations that are not subject to displacement 3. define vegetal buffers for alluvial or swampy areas.			
9.4	The organization doesn't use ozone-disruptive products/substances, like chlorofluorocarbons (CFC) and hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC)	Essential		
<b>Registrations update must be at least triennial.</b>				

## **10 – WASTE MANAGEMENT**

<b>N°</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comments</b>
10.1	Organic and inorganic waste deposit does not affect the building or the surrounding environment negatively (for ex.: causing dispersion or runoff).	Essential		
10.2	There are procedures to separate organic waste from inorganic one in order to simplify their collection for re-use/recycling/composting (for ex: pallet, woods, trunks, paper, cartons, fertiliser and waste that come from alimentary transformation).	Essential		
10.3	Residues that are not coming from cultivations and organic waste are interred or incinerated, when possible, unless controls of weeds are necessary.	Essential		
10.4	The Organization re-uses or recycles any waste coming from inorganic materials that can be reused or recycled in accordance with local legislation on separate collection.	Essential		
10.5	<b>Muds</b>  The Organization, whether it would receive muds or other materials from external installations, and it uses them in fertilization practices, disposes of relevant	Essential		

	documentation in order to demonstrate their non-polluting properties.			
<b>10.6</b>	<b>Containers and other disposable packaging:</b>			
10.6.1	There is a conservation method of materials used in agricultural activities.  If yes, describe it.	Important		
10.6.2	There is a disposal method of materials used in agricultural activities.  If yes, describe it.	Important		
10.6.3	Specialized companies are involved in these activities.	Important		
10.6.4	There are evidences of a proper disposal (delivery notes, other documents).	Important		
<b>It is an auditor's duty to collect any necessary documentation to verify waste disposal modalities of the organization and to attach a short description.</b>				

## **11 – POWER MANAGEMENT**

<b>N°</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comments</b>
11.1	The effective total of the net energy consumption coming from operations is annually calculated including: 1. the direct consumption of energy externally acquired (both renewable and non-renewable); 2. internal renewable energy production and consumption; 3. fuels used for transport and agricultural machinery functioning; 4. grey energy use and production (for ex. input, packaging, equipment).	Important		

11.2	Objectives for energetic resources reduction have been outlined, along with evaluation strategies and methods to achieve these objectives.	Important		
11.3	<p>The Organization undertakes to obtain the energy it needs using renewable energy systems.</p> <p>Whether not all the needed energy comes from renewable sources, the Organization undertakes to acquire "green credits" on the market.</p>	Important		

## **12- SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

N°	Requirements	Level	Y/N	Comments
12.1	<b>The organization must respect human rights according to the following requirement:</b>			
12.1.1	Respect international guidelines and ILO regarding child labor	Essential		
12.1.2	Pay workers with salaries conform to the legal minimum at least	Essential		
12.1.3	Assure employees access to healthcare	Essential		
12.1.4	Apply security measures in accordance with legal requirements	Essential		

**The auditor must verify the conformity to the requirements using documentary evidence (for ex.: employment contracts) and observations on the spot.**

### **13 – CHOICE OF BREED AND MALE BABY CHICKENS TREATMENT**

	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comments</b>
13.1	It is advisable the rearing of local breeds, i.e. Local or adapted poultry breeds, that presents rusticity, ability to graze and a medium or slow growth, in favor of their health or the quality of their production, as main characteristics .	Recomendation		
13.2	It is prohibited the suppression after few hours of life of any male baby chicken coming from the incubation phase. Their farming for meat production and their slaughtering after 81 days of life are obligatory.	Essential		
13.4	The organization sells to third parties with regular contract male baby chickens, which are farmed according to the current legislation about animal welfare and to FOE certification's guidelines.	Essential		

**The auditor must verify sex identification method implemented by the company, and the agreement signed with the third company.**

### **14 – HOUSING CONDITIONS**

<b>N°</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comments</b>
14.1	Farming must respect current legislation	Essential		
14.2	Animals are not kept in cages.	Essential		
14.3	Aquatic birds have access to a water course, a pond, a lake or to a body of water when climatic and hygienic conditions allow that, in order to respect their specific needs and the ones related to animal welfare.	Essential		

14.4	Shelters for poultry fulfil the following conditions:	Essential		
	a) at least, a third of the soil surface has to be solid, i.e. it doesn't have to be made of screened or hurdle material, and it has to be covered with litter made of hay, wood-chips, sand or grass;			
	b) in the laying poultry farming buildings, a sufficiently large part of the surface accessible to hens must be used for manure collection;			
	c) there have to be a sufficient number of perches with a proper dimension for the birds group and size as established in the first attachment;			
	d) each shelter must not contain more than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· 4 800 chickens;</li> <li>· 3 000 laying hens;</li> <li>· 5 200 guinea fowls;</li> <li>· 4 000 female Muscovy or Peking ducks, 3 200 males Muscovy or Peking ducks or other ducks;</li> <li>· 2 500 capons, geese or turkeys;</li> </ul>			
	e) the total usable surface of the shelters meant for meat production poultry for each production unity doesn't exceed 1600 m <sup>2</sup> ;	Recomendation		
	h) poultry shelters must be built so as to give them easy access to open space where it's possible.			
14.5	Natural light, where available, can be completed with artificial lighting so as to keep the light for a maximum of 16 daily hours, with a nocturnal continued rest period of 8 hours at least without artificial light. Alternatively, the organization uses exclusively artificial	Essential		

	light for a maximum of 16 daily hours, by ensuring the continued rest period duration of 8 hours at least.			
14.5	To avoid the use of intensive rearing methods, poultry must be reared until a minimum age or they have to come from low-growth genetic types.	Recommendation		
14.6	Whether the operator doesn't use low-growth poultry types, the minimum age for slaughtering is the following:  a) 81 days for chickens; b) 150 days for capons; c) 49 days for Peking ducks; d) 70 days for female Muscovy ducks; e) 84 days for male Muscovy ducks; f) 92 days for Mallard ducks; g) 94 days for guinea fowls; h) 140 days for turkeys and geese; i) 100 days for female turkeys.	Essential		<b><u>NB. This point can be reconsidered on the basis of chosen breed characteristics and farming type.</u></b>

## **15 – ACCESS TO OPEN SPACES**

N°	Requirement	Level	Y/N	Comments
15.1	Open spaces can be partially covered.	Recommendation		
15.2	Poultry open spaces must be mostly covered by vegetation, having protection devices and providing an easy access to a sufficient number of troughs.	Essential		
15.3	Poultry has access to an open space for at least one third of their life.	Important		
15.4	Poultry kept indoor due to restrictions or obligations imposed under community legislation has permanent access to sufficient quantities of roughage and materials that satisfy their ethological needs.	Essential		

If the organization can't guarantee access to poultry, the auditor has to verify the respect of current legislation about poultry welfare on the farm.



## **16 – DENSITY OF ANIMALS IN OPER AIR**

<b>N°</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comments</b>
16.1	Animals total density doesn't exceed the limit of 170 kg of azote per year/hectare of agricultural area.  2 UBA:  580 broilers  230 laying hens	Essential		
16.2	Maximum stocking density doesn't exceed 10 animals for sm	Essential		
16.3	The organization use poultry manure as organic fertilizer, or for compost production for internal use or resale to other companies, or for biogas production.	Essential		

**Whether the organization uses poultry manure as organic fertiliser, the point 16.2 can be modified consequently.**

## **17 – ANIMALS MANAGEMENT**

<b>N°</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comments</b>
17.1	Beak trimming and castration are not practiced. If beak trimming is necessary, it must happen within 10 days since birth using laser.	Essential		
17.2	Animals load and unload operations must be held without using any type of electric stimulation to force animals. It is prohibited allopathic tranquillisers use before or during transportation.	Essential		

## **18 – ALIMENTATION PRACTICES**

<b>N°</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comments</b>
18.1	Dried or ensiled roughage and green fodders must be added to the daily ration.	Essential		
18.2	It is prohibited to keep animals in conditions, or submit them to an alimentary regime, that can cause anaemia.	Essential		
18.3	Fattening practices are reversible in every farming stage.	Essential		
18.4	Forced alimentation is prohibited.	Essential		

**The auditor must verify and to report the ration properly registered by the organization.**

## **19 – VETERINARY PROPHYLAXIS AND TREATMENTS**

N°	Requirement	Level	Y/N	Comments
19.1	It is prohibited to use veterinary allopathic meds made from chemical synthesis or antibiotics for preventive treatments.	Essential		
19.2	It is prohibited to use substances intended for growth and production stimulation (including antibiotics, coccidiostats and other artificial growth-stimulators), as well as to use hormones and similar substances intended for reproduction control or other purposes.	Essential		
19.3	Buildings, fences, equipment are properly cleaned and disinfected to avoid cross contaminations and pathogenic organisms proliferation. Feces and uneaten food or part of them has to be removed with the necessary frequency, to limit smell and to avoid the attraction of insects or rodents.	Essential		
19.4	Only following products can be used to clean and disinfect buildings, livestock installations and equipment:  — Soap made with sodium or potassium — Water and steam — Milk of lime — Lime — Quicklime — Sodium hypochlorite (for ex. bleach) — Caustic soda — Caustic potash — Hydrogen peroxide — Natural vegetal essences — Citric, peracetic, formic, lactic, oxalic and acetic acid. — Alcohol — Formaldehyde	Essential		
19.5	Rodenticides (to use in traps only) and following products can be used to eliminate insects and other parasites in building and other facilities. They must be compliant with CE Reg about biologic farming.	Essential		
19.6	In the period between the farming of two poultry groups, it will be a sanitary void, operation that includes building and equipment cleaning and disinfection.	Essential		

N°	Requirement	Level	Y/N	Comments
19.1	It is prohibited to use veterinary allopathic meds made from chemical synthesis or antibiotics for preventive treatments.	Essential		
	<p>Likewise, at the end of one poultry group farming, the small parks will be left to rest for the time needed for vegetation regrowth and to make a sanitary void.</p> <p>The operator keeps substantiating documents that testify this period respect.</p> <p>These requirements are not applicable when poultry are not farmed in groups, are not closed in a small park and are free to scratch all day long.</p>			
19.7	If, even though the application of preventive measures destined to guarantee health, animals fall sick or get injured, they are cured immediately and, if necessary, they are isolated in dedicated areas where available.	Essential		
19.8	Whether the cure is essential to avoid suffering or discomfort to the animal, antibiotics or veterinary allopathic meds can be used, made by chemical synthesis under veterinarian responsibility.	Essential		
19.9	To reduce antibiotic resistance, antibiotic can be used for a maximum of 2 treatments per cycle after veterinary prescription.	Essential		
19.10	Excluding vaccinations, parasite treatments and eradication plans, one animal or a group of animals can't be submitted to more than 2 treatments cycles with allopathic veterinary meds made by chemical synthesis or antibiotics in 12 months (or more than one treatment cycle if his productive life is minor than one year)	Essential		
19.11	Suspension time between the last allopathic veterinary meds dose to one animal in normal use conditions and food production by these animals must be equal to twice the time reported on package leaflet of the med administrated.	Essential		

N°	Requirement	Level	Y/N	Comments
19.1	It is prohibited to use veterinary allopathic meds made from chemical synthesis or antibiotics for preventive treatments.	Essential		
The auditor has to report in comments the objective evidence to satisfy the different parameters.				

## **20 – COLLECTION AND PACKAGING**

N°	Requirement	Level	Y/N	Comments
20.1	Primary packing of eggs must be made of recyclable material	Essential		
20.2	Operators guarantee that Friend of the Earth products are transported to other units, including wholesalers and retailers, only in packaging, containers or in closed vehicles so as its content can't be replaced if not by manipulating or damaging seals, as long as it will be attached a label that, including other indications eventually planned by legislation, indicates:	Essential		
	a) name and address of the operator and, if different, of the product owner or seller;	Essential		
	b) name of the product or, in the case of composed foods, their description, including a report of the production method (biological or Friend of the Earth);	Essential		
	c) name and/or code number of supervisory authority or organism to which the operator is subject;	Essential		
	d) batch identification by a marking system nationally approved, or by supervisory authority or organism, that can relate the batch with the accounting described in the article 66.	Essential		

20.3	Information in first comma, letters from a to d, can appear on an accompanying document that has to unequivocally correspond to the product packaging, container or vehicle. Accompanying document must contain information on the supplier and/or the carrier.	Essential		
20.4	<p>It is not requested the closing of packages, containers or vehicles when:</p> <p>a) transportation takes place directly between two operators, both subject to the control system related to Friend of the Earth production;</p> <p>b) products have an accompanying document that indicates requested information.</p> <p>c) both the expediting and the operators keep the documents related to transportation operations available for the authority or the organism responsible of these operations control.</p>	Essential		
20.5	When they transport food to other preparation or production unities or to other storages, operators must assure the respect of the following conditions:	Essential		
	a) during the transportation foods obtained according to the method approved by Friend of the Earth and foods that are non-approved are physically separated;			
	<p>b) vehicles and/or containers that have transported non-Friend of the Earth products are used to transport Friends of the Earth products, if:</p> <p>i) an adequate cleaning has been made, whose efficacy has been checked, before transportation; the operator has to register these operations;</p> <p>ii) It is implemented every necessary measure, in function on evaluated risks, and operators assure that non-Friend of the Earth products can't be put on the market with an indication that refers to Friend of the Earth certification;</p>			

	iii) the operator keeps the documents related to transport operations available to supervisory authority or organism;			
	c) Friend of the Earth finished foods transport is separated, physically or during time, from other finished product transportation;			
	d) during transportation, products quantity at the beginning and quantity delivered at every stage of the delivery round are registered			
	On receipt of a Friend of the Earth product, the operator verifies package or container closing, if requested, including the presence of indications above.	Essential		
20.6	The operator confronts information on the label with information on the accompanying documents. The result of these controls must be explicitly indicated on accounting documents.	Essential		
20.7	Friend of the Earth products are imported from third countries in proper packages or containers, closed so as to prevent content replacement, equipped with an identification of the exporter and with any other mark or number that can identify the batch, including the control certification.	Essential		
20.8	Once received a Friend of the Earth product imported from a third country, the first receiver verifies the closing of the package or container and accepts that the Friend of the Earth certification covers the product type that constitutes the batch. The result of this verification is explicitly indicated in the accounting documents.	Essential		
20.9	Areas intended for product storage are managed so as to guarantee batch identification and to avoid that the products will be mixed or enter in contact with products and/or substances that aren't compliant with Friend of the Earth production norms.	Essential		

20.10	Friend of the Earth products are clearly identifiable in every moment.	Essential		
20.11	In production unities of farming animals, it is prohibited the storage of production factors different from the ones authorised by these requirements.	Essential		
20.12	Antibiotics and allopathic veterinary meds can be stored in companies, so long as they have been prescribed by a veterinarian within the framework of provided treatments, they are stored in a surveyed place and they are registered, if necessary, in the animals register.	Essential		
20.13	Whether the operator treats both non-Friend of the Earth and Friend of the Earth products and these last are stored in working gear for the storage of other agricultural or alimentary products:	Essential		
	a) Friend of the Earth products are kept separated from other agricultural or alimentary products;			
	b) Necessary measures are taken to guarantee batches identification and to avoid mixtures or exchanges with other non-Friend of the Earth products;			
20.14	It has affected a proper cleaning, whose efficacy has been checked, before Friend of the Earth product transportation; the operator must register these operations.	Essential		

**The auditor must report in the comments the objective evidence to satisfy different parameters.**

### **Ist ATTACHMENT – Buildings and open spaces minimum surfaces and other tabulation characteristics for various animal species and categories**



	Superfici coperte (superficie netta disponibile per gli animali)			Superfici scoperte (m <sup>2</sup> di superficie disponibile in rotazione per capo)
	Numero di animali per m <sup>2</sup>	cm di trespolo per animale	per nido	
Galline ova- iole	6	18	7 galline ova- iole per nido o, in caso di nido comune, 120 cm <sup>2</sup> per volatile	4, a condizione che non sia superato il limite di 170 kg N/ha/anno
Avicoli da in- grasso (in rico- veri fissi)	10, con un massimo di 21 kg di peso vivo per m <sup>2</sup>	20 (solo per faraone)		4 polli da ingrasso e faraone 4,5 anatre 10 tacchini 15 oche  In tutte le specie summenzio- nate non deve essere superato il limite di 170 kg N/ha/anno
Avicoli da in- grasso (in ri- coveri mobili)	16 <sup>(1)</sup> in rico- veri mobili con un mas- simo di 30 kg di peso vivo per m <sup>2</sup>			2,5 a condizione che non sia superato il limite di 170 kg N/ha/anno

<sup>(1)</sup> Solo nel caso di ricoveri mobili con pavimento di superficie non superiore a 150 m<sup>2</sup>.

Extra comments:

#### CONCLUSIONS:

☐ Agricultural production COMPLIES with Friend of the Earth requirements

☐ Agricultural production DOESN'T COMPLIES with Friend of the Earth requirements

The auditor has found the following non-conformities:

**MAJOR NON-CONFORMITIES (to which comply within 3 months)**

N°	Requirement	Level	YES/NO	Comment

**MINOR NON-CONFORMITIES (proposal to be sent within 4 months and conformity to achieve within 1 year)**

N°	Requirement	Level	YES/NO	Comment

**RECOMENDATIONS (to which comply within the following inspection)**

N°	Requirement	Level	YES/NO	Comment