

## **Guideline No. P1/2013**

### **Pacific Organic Standard(POS) Allowable Inputs**

#### **1. Purpose**

This guideline provides clarification on allowable inputs under the Pacific Organic Standard.

#### **2. Scope**

This guidance applies to all POETCom Approved Certification Partners (ACPs) and Registered Participatory Guarantee Systems (RPGS).

#### **3. Background**

The POS Appendix 1 provides an indicative list of substances permitted for use in organic production under the POS. Other substances may be used as long as they meet criteria of the IFOAM Norms or CAC/GL 32. Any additives contained in these products, and any inputs from conventional sources must also comply with these standards. POETCom at this stage does not have the resources to make assessments of individual products and establish its own independent list of registered allowable inputs.

#### **4. Guidelines**

To be recognised as allowable under the Pacific Organic Standard inputs must:

1. Be listed as allowable in the POS. For any commercial products, mixtures or formulations a full ingredients list must be on file of the licensee and proof must be provided of GE free status on the product.
2. Registered as allowable by an accredited certification body (i.e. those that are IFOAM or ISO 65 accredited and including BioAgriCert (BAC), Biogro NZ, the National Association of Sustainable Agriculture Australia (NASAA), Australian Certified Organic (ACO), OMRI and ECOCert). Allowable usage includes applying any restrictions defined by the approving certifying body. Inputs must also be listed as allowable in the POS and in line with any guidelines issued by the POETCom Standards and Certification Committee(SSC).

POETCom Registered Participatory Guarantee Systems are to be responsible for approving their own input list in line with these guidelines and provide the list annually to POETCom SSC for verification.

#### **5. References**

Pacific Organic Standard (2008)

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