

## Guideline No. POS2/2013

### Pacific Organic Standard(POS): Animal Feed

#### 1. Purpose

This guideline provides a DEROGATION with regard to POS 5.6.2 for Poultry Producers 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

Most Pacific countries do not have local commercial poultry feed production and in some instances it is difficult to meet protein requirements for poultry.

The POS states:

*5.6.1 Animals shall be fed a balanced diet that provides all of their nutritional needs, with all ruminants having daily access to roughage. Feed is to be made up of 100% organic feedstuffs. Where organic feed of sufficient quantity or quality is not available, the daily maximum percentage of non-organic feed shall be 10% for ruminants and 15% for non-ruminants based on annual dry matter consumed.*

*5.6.2 Over 50% of feed shall come from the farm itself or be produced in co-operation with other organic farms. The use of appropriate by-products from the organic food processing industry is encouraged.*

#### 4. Guidelines

A DEROGATION with regard to 5.6.2 is provided for *poultry producers*:

“If over 50% of feed is not available from the farm itself or cannot be produced in cooperation with other farms, organic feed can be bought in.”

#### 5. References

Pacific Organic Standard (2008)