3.8 Horses and other equines on organic land

3.8.1
The feeding, grazing, health and welfare management of equines on your holding could affect the organic status of your land. This section sets out conditions to prevent this.

3.8.2
These standards do not allow organic certification of equines.

3.8.3
You should rotate the grazing of equines, ideally with other species, to control internal parasites and reduce routine veterinary treatments.

3.8.4
You should give organic feed to equines on organic land.

3.8.5
If you use brought-in compound feeds, they should be organic or approved non-organic.

3.8.6
If you have less than five equines on your organic land you must ensure that:
- they are fed non-GM feed
- for 48 hours after treatment with avermectin, you house them or remove the dung from the pasture, and
- you treat the manure from these animals as non-organic, as in standard 4.7.17.

3.8.7
If you have five or more equines on your organic land, in addition to the above requirements, you must ensure that:
- you have a health plan for the equines containing the details required by standards 10.3.1 and 10.3.2.
- you have a pasture management plan outlining the control of internal parasites, weed control and soil fertility, and
- you limit the use of avermectin.

Note – the health plan, which we must approve, must include details of any treatment of equines with avermectin.