

Amendments to organic control bodies – equivalence regime

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Regulation

Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2325 as regards the recognition of certain third countries and control authorities and control bodies for the purpose of importing organic products into the Union

What is changing and why?

The European Commission proposes changes to Regulation [2021/2325](#) in response to information received from certain non-EU countries. This regulation lists non-EU countries, and control authorities and control bodies, that are recognised under the old organic “equivalence” regime (under Regulation [834/2007](#)).

Annex I of the regulation concerns non-EU countries that are recognised as equivalent, including India. India has informed the Commission of changes to the control bodies officially recognised by the Indian competent authorities: seven control bodies are newly recognised, and two are suspended. Certain changes are also made to Annex II of the Regulation, which concerns control authorities and control bodies recognised as competent to carry out controls and issue certificates in non-EU countries under the old equivalence regime. Details are provided in the AGRINFO full report.

Annex I is relevant only until the end of 2026, or until countries recognised as equivalent renegotiate the terms as bilateral trade agreements.

Annex II is relevant only until the end of 2024. From 1 January 2025, control authorities and control bodies must be officially recognised under Regulation [2021/1378](#) in order to conduct controls and certification in non-EU countries under the new EU organic compliance regime.

Actions

There is an opportunity to comment on the draft Regulation via the EU’s [Have your say](#) webpage until **20 November 2024**.

Timeline

The changes will come into force on the third day after the Regulation is published (likely December 2024) in the *Official Journal of the EU*.

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