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# Organic products: controls of high-risk products

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Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) <u>2024/2975</u> as regards the import into the Union of high-risk organic and in-conversion products

## What is changing and why?

The EU will establish a list of high-risk organic products (targeting products that have frequently been non-compliant with EU rules, and the countries from which they come). High-risk products require more frequent controls by organic control authorities/ control bodies and EU Member State competent authorities. Under previous rules, all consignments of products identified as high-risk have to undergo controls.

The Commission recognises that controls of 100% of consignments are not necessary to ensure compliance. This Regulation introduces flexibility that allows the Commission to set a frequency of checks that is below 100% when appropriate. It also allows a different share to be set for control authorities/ bodies and for Member State competent authorities.

#### **Actions**

Non-EU countries exporting organic products to the EU should work to ensure adherence to EU organic standards to prevent inclusion in the high-risk category.

#### **Timeline**

The new rules on controls of high-risk organic products will apply once the list of high-risk products has been published (the timeline is still unclear). The list and the new rules on controls will apply from the same day.

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