

# Organic products: Lists of high risk countries and products

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Draft Commission Delegated Regulation as regards certain criteria for the establishment of the list of high-risk third countries and high-risk products

## What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) is establishing a list of organic products where there is a high risk of non-compliance with EU organic rules, and the countries in which they are produced. These products will be subject to more frequent controls (identity and physical checks) by control authorities/bodies.

The criteria for high-risk listing are currently based on established (proven) cases of non-compliance. However, in many cases there is a high level of suspicion of non-compliance, but it is difficult for control bodies to prove. In this draft Regulation the European Commission proposes to also allow products where there is suspected non-compliance to be placed on the high-risk products list.

## Actions

The EU has notified this proposal to the World Trade Organization (WTO). Where a country is a member of the WTO, comments on the proposal can be submitted via the National TBT notification authority of the country concerned to the EU TBT Enquiry Point until **26 September 2025**.

## Timeline

The Regulation is expected to be published and apply in the **fourth quarter of 2025**. The European Commission is also expected to adopt a Regulation establishing the list of high-risk products in the fourth quarter of 2025.

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