

# Organic products: Lists of high-risk countries and products

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Regulation (EU) [2025/2651](#) 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 are subject to more frequent controls (identity and physical checks) by control authorities/control bodies.

The criteria for high-risk listing were previously based on established (proven) cases of non-compliance. However, in many cases, although there is a high level of suspicion of non-compliance, it is difficult for control bodies to prove. In this Regulation, the European Commission allows products where there is *suspected* non-compliance to be placed on the high-risk products list.

## Actions

Non-EU countries should strengthen preventive controls, traceability, and investigation of suspected organic non-compliances, as the threshold for increasing import controls has been lowered.

## Timeline

This Regulation applies from **26 December 2025**. The European Commission is expected to publish the list of high-risk products in the first quarter of 2026.

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