Organic products: Recognition of control bodies

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EU approves six additional organic control authorities/bodies

Seventh amendment: Commission Implementing Regulation 2026/1398

First to sixth amendments: Commission Implementing Regulations 2024/1748, 2024/2140, 2024/2794, 2024/3121, 2025/882, 2025/2138 amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1378 as regards the recognition of certain control bodies in accordance with Article 46 of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council as competent to carry out controls and issue organic certificates in third countries for the purpose of imports of organic products into the Union

Update

Under the new organic regime of the European Union (EU), from 1 January 2025 control authorities and control bodies must be listed under Regulation 2021/1378 as officially approved (recognised) to conduct controls and certification of organic products in non-EU countries.

In June 2026, the EU added the following six control bodies to the list of approved control authorities/control bodies (Regulation 2026/1398):

- Baltic Testing India Private Limited
- KAYOS Uluslararas■ Sertifikasyon ve Denetim Hizmetleri limited ■irketi
- LETIS Audit & Certification S.A.
- MS Agroland Services Private Limited
- VCERT Quality Certification Private Limited
- Zenith Certifications Private Limited

In addition, the Regulation amends the categories of products and specific non-EU countries that certain listed control bodies may control.

In total, 63 control authorities/control bodies are currently listed. Detailed steps to access an updated list of these bodies are provided in the Recommended Actions below.

Impacted products

Organic products

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What is changing?

To certify organic products for export, control authorities and control bodies in non-EU countries must be approved (recognised) by the EU as being able to carry out the necessary controls to certify that products comply with EU organic production rules.

The EU maintains a list of approved control authorities and control bodies which is regularly updated to include new authorities/bodies that have demonstrated their competence to carry out controls.

The recognised bodies are listed under Implementing Regulation 2021/1378.

The list has been updated seven times.

First amendment

In June 2024, Regulation 2024/1748 listed the following 17 control authorities or control bodies:

- bio.inspecta AG
- Caucascert LLC
- CCPB Srl
- CERES Certification of Environmental Standards GmbH
- CERTIMEX, Certificadora Mexicana de Productos y Procesos Ecologicos S.C.
- Control Union Certifications B.V.
- Ecocert SAS
- ECOGLOBE LLC
- FOOD SAFETY S.A.
- IMO Control Private Limited
- Kiwa BCS Öko-Garantie GmbH
- Mayacert S.A.
- Organic Control System LLC Subotica
- Organic Standard LLC
- Servicio de Certificación CAAE S.L.U.
- Southern Cross Certified Australia Pty Ltd
- Tse-Xin Organic Certification Corporation.

Second amendment

In August 2024, an additional 15 control authorities or control bodies were listed under Regulation (EU) 2024/2140:

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- A CERT European Organization for Certification S.A.
- ACT Organic Company Limited
- Agricert – Certificação de Produtos Alimentares Lda
- Balkan Biocert Macedonia DOOEL Skopje (removed from the list in May 2025)
- Beijing Continental Hengtong Certification Co. Ltd
- CERTIFICADORA BIOTROPICO S.A.S.
- COMPANY OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN PALESTINE
- Ecovivendi d.o.o. Belgrade
- ETKO EKOLOJ■K TARIM KONTROL ORGAN■ZASYONU L■M■TED ■■RKET■
- IBD Certificações Ltda
- LACON QUALITY CERTIFICATION PRIVATE LIMITED
- Metrocert S.C.
- Oregon Tilth Inc
- Organizacion Internacional Agropecuaria S.A.
- Organska Kontrola d.o.o. Sarajevo

Third amendment

In November 2024, an additional 12 control authorities and control bodies were listed under Regulation 2024/2794:

- ACO CERTIFICATION LIMITED
- CTR ULUSLARARASI BELGELENDIRME VE DENETIM LTD. ■T■.
- DQS POLSKA SPÓ■KA Z OGRANICZON■ ODPOWIEDZIALNO■CI■
- Florida Certified Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc. (FOG), DBA as Quality Certification Services (QCS)
- IMOCERT Latinoamérica Ltda.
- INDOCERT
- ONECERT INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LIMITED
- Organic Crop Improvement Association International Inc
- Organic Food Development and Certification Center of China
- Organización Internacional Agropecuaria S.A
- ORSER KONTROL VE SERTIFIKASYON ANONIM IIRKETI
- SRS Certification GmbH

The Regulation also amends the categories of products and specific non-EU countries that the listed control body Ecocert SAS may control.

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Fourth amendment

In December 2024, an additional six control authorities and control bodies were listed under Regulation 2024/3121:

- Ba■ak Ekolojik Ürünler Kontrol ve Sertifikasyon Hizmetleri Ticaret Limited ■irketi
- Bioagricert s.r.l. Unipersonale
- DQS POLSKA SPÓ■KA Z OGRANICZON■ ODPOWIEDZIALNO■CI■
- GCL International Ltd
- Japan Organic and Natural Foods Association
- Sertifik■cijas un test■šanas centrs.

Fifth amendment

In May 2025, an additional three control bodies were listed under Regulation 2025/882:

- Bio Latina Certificadora
- Primus Auditing Operations Mexico
- PT BIOCert Indonesia.

Sixth amendment

In October 2025, four additional control bodies were listed under Regulation 2025/2138:

- AfriCert Limited
- Organic T&C;, L.L.C.
- Q-Check Private Company
- SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PROMOTION SOCIETY (SAPS)

In addition, this new Regulation expands the categories of products and specific non-EU countries that the following listed control bodies may control:

- Florida Certified Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc. (FOG)
- DBA as Quality Certification Services (QCS)
- IMOCERT Latinoamérica Ltda.
- Kiwa BCS Öko-Garantie GmbH
- Organic Control System LLC Subotica
- ORSER KONTROL VE SERT■F■KASYON ANON■M ■■RKET■
- Southern Cross Certified Australia Pty Ltd.

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Seventh amendment

In June 2026, six additional control bodies were listed under Regulation 2026/1398:

- Baltic Testing India Private Limited
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- LETIS Audit & Certification S.A.
- MS Agroland Services Private Limited
- VCERT Quality Certification Private Limited
- Zenith Certifications Private Limited

In addition, this new Regulation amends the categories of products and specific non-EU countries that the following listed control bodies may control:

- Product categories/countries extended for 10 listed control bodies:
  - bio.inspecta AG
  - Control Union Certifications B.V.
  - Florida Certified Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc. (FOG)
  - DBA as Quality Certification Services (QCS)
  - IBD Certificações Ltda
  - IMOcert Latinoamérica Ltda.
  - IMO Control Private Limited
  - INDOCERT
  - Lacon Quality Certification Private Limited
  - ONECERT INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LIMITED
  - Organizacion Internacional Agropecuaria S.A.
- Certain product categories/countries removed for two control bodies at the control bodies' request:
  - Bio Latina Certificadora
  - Southern Cross Certified Australia

Details on the category of products that each control authority or control body may control, and the non-EU countries where they may carry out controls, are given in the Annexes of the Regulations.

Why?

From 1 January 2025, only control authorities and control bodies that are officially recognised by the EU to conduct compliance audits are able to issue organic certificates in non-EU countries.

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To be recognised by the EU, control authorities and control bodies must submit a request for recognition under Art. 46 of Regulation 2018/848, and must meet the required conditions.

Timeline

The six most recently approved control bodies under Regulation 2026/1398 are recognised from **28 June 2026**.

Recommended Actions

It is critically important for organic food operators in non-EU countries to monitor the recognition process, and to liaise closely with their control authorities and control bodies.

The EU regularly produces consolidated versions of the list of control authorities and control bodies. For the latest available version, visit Regulation 2021/1378 and click on “Current consolidated version”. Operators must ensure they use the **most up-to-date version**.

Background

The EU Organic Regulation 2018/848 brought in a fundamental change from an equivalence regime to a compliance regime, with a 3-year transition period after it was applied on 1 January 2022 (see New EU Organic Regulation explained). Under this Regulation, control authorities and control bodies in non-EU countries must be approved (recognised) by the EU as being able to carry out the necessary controls to certify that products comply with EU organic production rules.

The EU Organic Regulation is the basic Act that lays down the EU rules on organic production and labelling of organic products. It revises and strengthens the controls system, trade regime, and production rules that had been in place since 2007. It brought in a fundamental change to the regulatory approach, moving from the principle of equivalence to the principle of compliance. The earlier Regulation (EC) 834/2007 recognised that organic goods could be produced in ways that were different, but equivalent in terms of their outcome and alignment with organic principles. Under the new Organic Regulation, this changes to a system of compliance: producers in non-EU countries that do not have equivalence recognised in a trade agreement with the EU, or are not recognised as an equivalent country under Regulation 834/2007, will have to conform with the same set of rules as those in the EU. For further information see New EU Organic Regulation explained.

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Resources

Commission Regulation 2018/848 on organic production and labelling of organic products

Commission Regulation 2021/1378 laying down certain rules concerning the certificate issued to operators, groups of operators and exporters in third countries involved in the imports of organic and in-conversion products into the Union and establishing the list of recognised control authorities and control bodies

Commission Regulation 2021/1698 with procedural requirements for the recognition of control authorities and control bodies that are competent to carry out controls on operators and groups of operators certified organic and on organic products in third countries

Sources

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