

Organic products: Recognition of control bodies

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Regulation

Fourth amendment: [Draft](#) Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1378 as regards the recognition of certain control bodies; [Draft](#) Annex

Third amendment: [Draft](#) Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1378 as regards the recognition of certain control bodies; [Draft](#) Annex

Second and first amendments: Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) [2024/2140](#) and [2024/1748](#) amending Regulation 2021/1378 as regards the recognition of certain control bodies as competent to carry out controls and issue organic certificates in third countries for the purpose of imports of organic products into the Union

What is changing and why?

From 1 January 2025, control authorities and control bodies must be listed under Implementing Regulation (EU) [2021/1378](#) as being officially approved (recognised) to conduct organic controls and certification in non-EU countries under the new EU organic regime, which is based on compliance.

First amendment

Under Regulation [2024/1748](#), the European Commission recognised the following 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

Under Regulation [2024/2140](#), the Commission recognised the following control bodies:

- A CERT European Organization for Certification S.A.
- ACT Organic Company Limited
- Agricert – Certificação de Produtos Alimentares Lda
- Balkan Biocert Macedonia DOOEL Skopje
- Beijing Continental Hengtong Certification Co. Ltd
- CERTIFICADORA BIOTROPICO S.A.S.
- COMPANY OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN PALESTINE
- Ecovivendi d.o.o. Belgrade
- ETKO EKOLOJK TARIM KONTROL ORGANIZASYONU LIMITED MARKET
- 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

Details on the category of products that each control authority or control body may control, and the specific non-EU countries in which they may carry out controls, are given in the Annexes to Regulations [2024/1748](#) and [2024/2140](#).

Third amendment (proposed)

Under a draft Regulation presented in September 2024, the European Commission proposes to add the following control bodies to the list:

- ACO CERTIFICATION LIMITED
- ONECERT INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LIMITED
- Organic Food Development and Certification Center of China
- ORSER KONTROL VE SERTIFIKASYON ANONIM PIRKETI

- SRS Certification GmbH

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

Fourth amendment (proposed)

Under a further draft Regulation presented in October 24, the Commission proposes to add the following control bodies to the list:

- Ba■ak Ekolojik Ürünler Kontrol ve Sertifikasyon Hizmetleri Ticaret Limited ■irketi
- Bioagricert s.r.l. Unipersonale

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Actions

Control authorities and control bodies must be recognised under the compliance regime from 1 January 2025. It is important for organic operators in non-EU countries to follow the recognition process over the coming months, and to liaise closely with their control bodies. Commercial contracts between operators and control bodies are generally conducted some months in advance, and both parties will need enough time to plan and prepare for audits in 2025. It will be particularly important for operators in non-EU countries to know well in advance if their current control body will not be recognised under the new regime.

There is an opportunity to comment on the draft Regulation that contains the fourth amendment via the EU's [Have your say](#) webpage until **6 November 2024**. The opportunity to provide feedback on the third amendment closed on 9 October 2024.

Timeline

Recognition of the control authorities and control bodies approved under Regulation [2024/1748](#) applies from **27 June 2024**. Those approved under Regulation [2024/2140](#) are recognised from **10 August 2024**.

The draft Regulations under consultation are due to be adopted in the fourth quarter of 2024. The new bodies listed in each Regulation will be recognised from 3 days after the Regulation is published.

The list of control authorities and control bodies is expected to be revised on a regular basis in the coming months, adding further control bodies that have been recognised.

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