

Organic products: Recognition of control bodies

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

Third, second, and first amendments: Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) [2024/2794](#) of 31 October 2024 [and] [2024/2140](#) of 6 August 2024 [and] [2024/1748](#) of 21 June 2024 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.

Three Regulations published between June and October list a total of 44 organic control authorities and control bodies as officially approved.

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 EKOLOJİK TARIM KONTROL ORGANİZASYONU LİMİTED ŞİRKETİ
- IBD Certificações Ltda
- LACON QUALITY CERTIFICATION PRIVATE LIMITED
- Metrocert S.C.
- Oregon Tilth Inc
- Organización 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 (EU) [2024/2794](#):

- ACO CERTIFICATION LIMITED
- CTR ULUSLARARASI BELGELENDİRME VE DENETİM LTD. ŞİTİ.
- DQS POLSKA SPÓŁKA Z OGRANICZONĄ ODPOWIEDZIALNOŚCIĄ
- 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.

Fourth amendment (proposed)

Under a further [draft Regulation](#) presented in October 2024, 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

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 respective Annexes of the draft Regulations.

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.

Timeline

Control authorities and control bodies approved under these Regulations will be recognised from the following dates:

- Regulation 2024/1748 (first amendment): from 27 June 2024
- Regulation 2024/2140 (second amendment): from 10 August 2024
- Regulation 2024/2794 (third amendment): from 7 November 2024.

The draft Regulation under consultation (fourth amendment) is due to be adopted in the fourth quarter of 2024. The new bodies listed in that 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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