

Organic products: Recognition of control bodies

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Regulation

[Draft](#) Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1378 as regards the recognition of certain control bodies; [Draft](#) Annex [scroll down to Downloads]

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2024/2140](#) [and] Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2024/1748](#) amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 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.

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

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
- 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](#).

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 ANONİM ŞİRKETİ
- 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.

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 via the EU's [Have your say](#) consultation until **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 regulation under [consultation](#) 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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