



Organic products: Recognition of control bodies

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Fourth amendment: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/3121

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

Four Regulations published between June and December list a total of 50 organic control authorities and control bodies as officially approved.

First amendment

Under Regulation <u>2024/1748</u>, 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





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- 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 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

Under Regulation 2024/2794, the Commission recognised the following control bodies:

- 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





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- 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

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

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, 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





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Regulation 2024/3121 (fourth amendment): from 20 December 2024.

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

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