



Requirements for EU supervision of non-EU organic control bodies

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Regulation <u>2024/230</u> as regards the information to be sent by third countries and by control authorities and control bodies for the purpose of supervision of their recognition and the measures to be taken in the exercise of that supervision

What is changing and why?

The European Commission has made some changes to how it oversees organic production in countries outside the EU. This includes clearer rules about the specific information that the authorities in non-EU countries should provide, and when. This includes:

- notifying changes to technical dossiers related to organic production
- obliging non-EU authorities to investigate promptly, within 30 days, if it is suspected that the organic rules are not being followed
- requiring help in conducting on-the-spot examinations.

If non-EU country authorities fail to provide the required information or to cooperate, the EU may decide to stop recognising that country as suitable for organic production, and its exporters will no longer be allowed to sell their organic products in the EU.

Actions

Control authorities/bodies can apply for accreditation against the new regulation until 31 December 2024.

Timeline

This Regulation applies from **12 January 2024**. The rules will be in effect until the end of 2024 for control authorities/bodies, and until the end of 2026 for competent authorities.

Starting in 2025, non-EU control authorities/bodies must be officially approved by the EU and meet all of the EU's organic production rules to continue exporting organic products to the EU. This means they will have to be accredited and meet the same standards as EU-approved organic producers.





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