Review of EU organic production rules

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Organic production rules – targeted amendment (Regulation (EU) 2018/848) [download]

What is changing and why?

The current organic production rules (Regulation 2018/848) have been in application since 2022. The European Union (EU) is now carrying out a review to address certain problems that have arisen regarding these rules. This includes:

- Use of organic logos: further clarity is needed on the use of EU organic logos by operators in countries recognised under equivalency schemes (see EU trade policy digest September–December 2024).
- Extension of equivalency schemes: the 31 December 2026 deadline for completion of trade agreements on organic equivalence that are being negotiated with certain non-EU countries may need to be extended.
- Reduced complexity of certain rules – notably the eligibility criteria for groups of operators and small sellers of unpacked organic products – these rules have been identified as particularly problematic by organic sectors in countries exporting to the EU, and will be reviewed.

Other areas that will be reviewed are:

- livestock production rules on quails
- the withdrawal period following allopathic veterinary medical treatment
- poultry houses for fattening
- access to open-air areas for poultry until a certain age
- products and substances for cleaning and disinfection in processing and storage facilities.

Actions

Feedback through the European Commission's Have Your Say webpage closed on 18 November 2025.

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Timeline

The European Commission intends to adopt a Proposal for a Regulation with revised rules in the fourth quarter of 2025.

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