

Revision of permitted substances for use in organic production (2025)

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2025/2501](#) as regards the use of certain products and substances in organic production

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2025/973](#) authorising certain products and substances for use in organic production and establishing their lists

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has authorised the use of protein from peas and potatoes for the organic production of fruit juices, fruit wines, and mead. This authorisation is based on recommendations from the European Commission's Expert Group for Technical Advice on Organic Production (EGTOP). These will be included in the list of substances that may be used in the production of organic products for the EU market (Regulation [2021/1165](#), Annex V).

Substances currently authorised for cleaning and disinfection of buildings and installations for animal production (Regulation [889/2008](#), Annex VII) can be used until **31 December 2027** because EGTOP's evaluation of these substances has been delayed.

In July 2025, the Commission updated the list of substances and products that can be used in organic products imported into the EU, adding to the list of low-risk active substances, authorised fertilisers, feed materials, feed additives, and food additives (see Tables 1 and 2).

This includes permitted use in non-EU countries of micro-organisms (including viruses) as biological control agents in organic production, and ethylene for flower induction in pineapple.

Permitting the use of ethylene in organic pineapple production and micro-organisms in organic production is expected to support organic production in non-EU countries.

Actions

Operators in non-EU countries are recommended to reconfirm with their certification body which substances are authorised for use under the new EU organic rules. Dossiers may need to be submitted to the EU in the case of some substances that were previously used under the old equivalence rules, but which now require specific EU authorisation for use on organic exports (provided they are registered for use in the country of origin).

Timeline

Regulation [2025/973](#) applies from **15 June 2025**.

Regulation [2025/2501](#) applies from **1 January 2026**.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1 Additions to Annexes of Regulation 2021/1165 ^[a]					
Additions to authorised list of:					
Low-risk active substances	Fertilisers, soil conditioners, and nutrients	Feed materials	Feed additives and processing aids	Food additives and processing aids	Substances that may be used in organic production in non-EU countries
Annex I	Annex II	Annex III(A)	Annex III(B)	Annex V	Annex VI
Lavandulyl senecioate	Carbon dioxide	Single-cell proteins from <i>Trichoderma viride</i> and <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i>	Calcium propionate (preservative)	Buffered vinegar	Micro-organisms including viruses, when used as biological control agents ^[c]
Potassium hydrogen carbonate ^[b]	Calcium acetate	Products from <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> rich in protein	Iron(II) fumarate (nutritional additive, compounds of trace elements)	Fermentation activators	Ethylene for flower induction in pineapple
Straight-chain lepidopteran pheromones (acetates)	Calcium phosphate	Calcium stearate	Ethanol (processing aid)		
Sheep fat ^[b] (used as repellent by smell)	Plant fibre mats		Papain (processing aid)		
Quartz sand ^[b]	Calcium and magnesium gluconate				
Silicon dioxide					

[a] For details of the description, specific limits, and conditions, see Regulation 2025/973.
[b] Moved to category “low-risk active substances” from category “active substances other than basic substances”.
[c] These must not be from genetically modified organism (GMOs) or produced using media of GMO origin.

Table 2 Changes to description/conditions of use in Annexes of Regulation 2021/1165				
Low-risk active substances	Fertilisers, soil conditioners, and nutrients	Feed materials	Feed additives and processing aids	Food additives and processing aids
Annex I	Annex II	Annex III(A)	Annex III(B)	Annex V
Pheromones and other semio-chemicals	Products and by-products of plant origin; stone meal, clays, and clay minerals	Calcium chloride and propylene glycol	Lecithin and iron dextran	Yeasts for wine production and lactic acid bacteria
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Source: Annex to Regulation [2025/973](#)

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