

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

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Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1165 as regards the use of certain products and substances in organic production

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2025/973](#) amending and correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1165 authorising certain products and substances for use in organic production and establishing their lists

What is changing and why?

In August 2025, the European Commission proposed to update the list of substances that may be used in the production of organic products for the European Union (EU) market to include protein extract from peas and potatoes for clarifying fruit juices, fruit wines, and mead.

It also proposes to allow the continued use of substances currently authorised for cleaning and disinfection of buildings and installations for animal production (Regulation [889/2008](#), Annex VII) until 31 December 2027. The initial aim was for an evaluation to be completed by the end of 2025, but this 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 the authorisation in non-EU countries of the use of micro-organisms (including viruses) when used as biological control agents in organic production, and of 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

Countries that are members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) may submit comments on this proposal, via the [National TBT notification authority](#) of the country concerned, to the [EU TBT Enquiry Point](#) until **12 October 2025**.

Timeline

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


The proposal authorising protein extract from peas and potatoes, and extending the permitted use of substances for cleaning and disinfecting animal installations, is expected to be adopted in the fourth quarter of 2025.

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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.


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Source: Annex to Regulation [2025/973](#)

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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