

Temporary derogation for verification of consignments for import into the EU and issuance of certificates of organic inspection

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Regulation

Draft Commission Delegated Regulation as regards the certification of certain operators and groups of operators in third countries and the controls performed by control authorities and control bodies on their organic product

What is changing and why?

The new EU Organic Regulation (EU) [2018/848](#) brought in a new compliance regime with many associated changes, with a 3 year transition period for control bodies in non-EU countries from 1 January 2022.

From 1 January 2025, all organic certification will be based on compliance with Regulation 2018/848, and must be conducted by a control authority or control body recognised by the EU under the compliance scheme. However, a temporary derogation (exemption) of the new rules for imports into the EU is now proposed for the period from 1 January to 15 October 2025, to allow continuity of imports.

During this derogation period, a certificate of organic inspection can still be issued for products supplied by operators and groups of operators that have a valid organic certificate under the old equivalence regime, and whose application under the new compliance regime is pending. The certificate can only be issued by control authorities and control bodies that are officially recognised under the new compliance regime (listed under Regulation (EU) [2021/1378](#)). Documents issued to operators under the old regime will remain valid for imports into the EU after 31 December 2024, until their expiry date, or at the latest 15 October 2025.

Actions

Feedback on this proposal closed on 11 July 2024 (midnight Brussels time).

Timeline

Adoption of the proposed derogation is planned for the third quarter of 2024.

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