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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) …/...

of XXX

amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91[[1]](#footnote-1), and in particular Article 19(2)(c) thereof,

After consulting the Committee on Organic Production,

Whereas:

1. Annex IX of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 lists non-organic agricultural ingredients that are authorised for use in the processing of organic food in accordance with Article 28 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008[[2]](#footnote-2) and Article 19(2)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.
2. The authorisation of non-organic agricultural ingredients is subject to the objectives and principles laid down in Tittle II of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 and the additional criteria laid down in Article 21(1) of the same Regulation.
3. In this regard, Article 6(a) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 lays down as a specific principle in food processing requiring that organic food is produced from organic agricultural ingredients except where an ingredient is not available on the market in organic form.
4. Therefore, , the list of non-organic agricultural ingredients authorised for use in  the production of organic processed food requires regular updates to take into account the developments of the organic sector as well as in the availability in the market of agricultural ingredients in organic form.
5. In addition, non-organic agricultural ingredients listed in Annex IX can only be used in the processing of organic food if the specific description and conditions for use defined for them are also respected.
6. Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 should therefore be amended accordingly.
7. The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on Organic Production,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 is amended as follows:

Annex IX is replaced by the text set out in Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

Products produced in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 before *[date of application of this R.]* may be placed on the market after that date until the stocks are exhausted.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

 For the Commission

 The President

Annex

‘ANNEX IX

**Ingredients of agricultural origin which have not been produced organically referred to in Article 28**

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| *Category* | *Name of ingredient*  | *Description, conditions for use* |
| Livestock products | Casings | Natural, produced from the gut of slaughtered porcine, bovine or ovine animal, or from natural raw materials of animal or plant origin. |
| Gelatin | From plant origin or from animal origin other than porcine. When of animal origin must be in compliance with horizontal legislation and in particular Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011[[3]](#footnote-3) concerning health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products. |
| Milk mineral powder and milk mineral liquid (‘herasuola’) | Produced from milk using separation methods commonly used in the dairy industry. Only for replacing wholly or partly sodium chloride in various foodstuffs.  |
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| Wild aquatic organisms  |  | Only when not originating from aquaculture. Only when permitted in no-organic foodstuffs preparation.Only from sustainable fishery in accordance with Regulation 1380/2013[[4]](#footnote-4). Unprocessed.  |
| Seaweed | 1. Wakame *Undaria pinnatifida*,
2. Arame *Eisenia bicyclis*,
3. Hijiki *Hizikia fusiforme*.
 | Only when permitted in no-organic foodstuffs preparation. ’  |

1. OJ L 189, 20.7.2007, p. 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. OJ L 250, 18.9.2008, p. 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. OJ L 54, 26.2.2011, p. 1–254. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22–61. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)