



Articles 48(4) and 57(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848

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Article 48(4) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848

*"**supplementing** this Regulation as regards the information to be sent by the third countries listed in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Article which is necessary for the **supervision** of their recognition by the Commission, as well as the exercise of that supervision by the Commission, including through on-the-spot examination."*

Transitional measures relating to third countries recognised under Article 33(2) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007

DA supplementing as regard the Supervision: tools

Art. 33(2) of 834/2007:

- Commission assisted by the Member States ensures appropriate supervision of the recognised third countries by regularly reviewing their recognition;*
- Nature of the supervision shall be determined on the basis of an assessment of the risk of the occurrence of irregularities or infringements...*

DA supplementing as regard the Supervision: tools

Main tool: Annual report

- by 31 March of each year, the recognised third countries shall send a concise annual report regarding the implementation and the enforcement of the control measures established...

Annual report:

- *Annual report shall describe in particular the monitoring and supervisory activities carried out by the competent authority of the third country, the results obtained and the corrective measures taken;*

(ex. Art.9(b) of 1235/2008)

Annual report:

It shall include the update on the information of the technical dossier (as in ex. Art. 8 of 1235/2208), namely:

- general information on the development of organic production in the third country, the products produced, the area in cultivation, the production regions, the number of producers, the food processing taking place;*
- an indication of the expected nature and quantities of organic agricultural products and foodstuffs intended for export to the Community;*

Annual report:

It shall include information on (continuation):

- any change made to the production standards as well as an assessment of their equivalence to the standards applied in the Community;*
- any change to the control system applied in the third country, including the monitoring and supervisory activities carried out by the competent authorities in the third country, as well as an assessment of its equivalent effectiveness when compared to the control system applied in the Community;*

Annual report:

It shall include information on (continuation):

- internet or other address where the list of operators subject to the control system can be found, as well as a contact point where information is readily available on their certification status and the product categories concerned;*
- the information as provided in the list of TCs*
- any other information deemed relevant by the TC or by the Commission.*

Other tools:

- *Obligation to notify the Commission of any changes made to the measures in force in the third country or their implementation and in particular to its control system or any information as provided in the list of TCs.*
- *Such information shall be notified to the Commission without delay via OFIS.*

(ex. Art.9(1a) of 1235/2008)

Other tools:

- *Commission may request any further information, including the presentation of one or more on-the-spot examination reports established by independent experts;*
- *Commission may, based on risk-assessment and in case of suspected irregularities organise an on-the-spot examination by experts it designates.*

(ex. Art.8(3) of 1235/2008)

Article 57(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848

*"**supplementing** this Regulation as regards the information to be sent by the CrtA/CB referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article which is necessary for the purpose of the **supervision** of their recognition by the Commission, as well as the exercise of that supervision by the Commission, including through on-the-spot examination. ."*

Transitional measures relating to control authorities and control bodies recognised under Article 33(3) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007

DA supplementing as regard the Supervision: tools

*With reference to the presentation on Article 46(7)(b) (i) of
Regulation (EU) 2018/848*

1. Annual Report