

Dear [REDACTED]

We received your mail regarding certification number of the new model of NAQS import certificate just today. As we are informed that we have to reply within today, we are sending Korea's opinion on your letter urgently. It is a matter of regret that your email via the EU embassy in Republic of Korea was transmitted too late.

First of all, we are glad to hear that EU has a plan to assign such certification number as Korea's from 1 January 2021. With regard to temporary certification number for 2020 required for the new NAQS import certificate and the label of products exported to Korea, we have some opinions as follow:

- We cannot accept control body code number. This is also discussed at the meeting in the Brussels and certification number defined by the Korean Organic Food Act is not control body code number.
- Please review the following questions on a "temporary certification number"

Q1: Is the 'control body code number' unique number?

Q2: As we know, control bodies in EU manage their own certified operators. Do the control bodies assign any codes or numbers to certified operators in order to manage them? Certified operators can be searched in the control bodies' website with the code or numbers?

Q3: If you can say yes on the above questions, please consider the following numbering system when you establish a temporary certification number.

- Control body code number+control number for its certified operator

Ex) KR-ORG-001+ 004 (a certified operator's code to be managed by KR-ORG-001)

Additionally, as you asked to EU embassy in Korea on 5 November, 2019, the response from NAQS is as follow:

Q) If company A (most recent producer) orders to bottling and packaging of organic juice to company B (most recent preparation), what information should be included in the certificate?

A) Company A must be included in the certificate. Simple packaging of organic products is not considered as processing/manufacturing process in Korea. Therefore, box 3 and 14 should be company A and box 15 should be company A's control body.

If you have further questions, please let me know.

Best regards,

