



Organic Regulation (EU) 848/2018 Provisions on trade

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Summary of the presentation:

1. Schemes for importing organic and in-conversion products

- **Provisions under the basic act for each option**
- **Provisions needed to be developed and relevant empowerment**

2. Horizontal provisions:

- **Authorisation for the use of products and substances in TC**
- **Measures to be taken in case of non-compliance**

Import of organic products

- *Products must be within the scope define in Art.2(1)*
- *Article 45 defines **3 schemes** for the import of organic or in-conversion products:*

1. Imports under “compliance scheme”
2. Imports under “International Equivalency agreements”
3. Imports under “TC Equivalency recognitions under Art. 33 (2) of Regulation (EC) 834/2007” until 2025

- *Article 57 defines a **4th transitional option**:*

4. CBs recognised under article 33(3) of Regulation (EC) 834/2007 until 2023

Import under “compliance scheme”

Provisions defined in Article 45:

1. *Products must comply with:*
 - Chapter II (Objectives and principles),
 - Chapter III (Production rules), and
 - Chapter IV (Labelling)
2. *Control Bodies (CB) certifying operators and GO (group of operators) must be recognised according to article 46*
3. *Operators and GO have a certificate delivered by a recognised CB*

Import under “compliance scheme”

What is still needed?

1. Certification provisions (Chapter V does not apply):
Article 45.4 (IA)
2. Control and supervision rules: (Chapter VI does not apply, except Art.36): *Article 46.7.b (DA supplementing)*
3. Additional criteria for the recognition and withdrawal of CBs: *Article 46.7.a (DA amending)*
4. Procedure for recognition and withdrawal of CBs and the list of recognised CBs: *Article 46.1 (IA)*
5. Clarifications on rules defined under Chapters II, III and IV (when it refers to MS and to EU horizontal legislation): *Article 46.7.b (DA supplementing)*



Imports under “International Equivalency agreements”

Provisions defined in Articles 45 and 47:

- *Products must comply with the condition laid down in the relevant trade agreement*
- *No empowerments to further develop this scheme*
- *No empowerment to list the equivalent TC (each agreement will be a stand-alone framework)*

Imports under “TC Equivalency recognitions”- Article 33 (2) Reg.(EC) 834/2007

Provisions defined in Article 45:

- 1. Products must comply with equivalent production and control rules of the recognised TC*
- 2. Products must be imported with a Certificate of inspection*
- 3. Transitional scheme that expires on 31/12/2025*

Imports under “TC Equivalency recognitions”- Article 33 (2) Reg.(EC) 834/2007

What is still needed?

1. List of TC recognised as equivalent under art.33(2) Reg.(EC) 834/2007: *Art.48.3 (IA)*
2. Provisions on the information to be provided by TC and on supervision by the Commission: *Art.48.4 (DA supplementing)*
3. Provisions for the Certificate of Inspection: *Art.45.4 (IA)*

Imports under “equivalency scheme” - Article 33(3) of Reg.(EC) 834/2007

- Article 57 establishes that the recognition of CB under Art.33(3) shall expire on 31/12/2023

Imports under “equivalency scheme” - Article 33(3) of Reg.(EC) 834/2007

What is still needed?

1. List of CB recognised under Art.33(3) of Reg.(EC) 834/2007: *Art.57.2 (IA)*
2. Provisions on information to be provided by CB and on supervision by the Commission: *Art.57.3 (DA supplementing)*
3. Provisions for the Certificate of Inspection:
 - Under Art 33(3) of Reg.834/2007 the CB are recognized, among other purposes, for the issuance of certificate of inspection

Horizontal provisions:

Authorisation for the use of products and substances in TC

Provisions defined in Article 45 (2):

- *EC may grant specific authorisation for the use of products and substances in TC and in the outmost regions*
- *Procedure set in Art. 24 (9)*
- *Renewable period of two years*
- *Principle of chapter II and criteria in Art. 24 (3)*

Horizontal provisions:

Authorisation for the use of products and substances in TC

What is still needed?

- *Define procedure for the authorisation of products in TC: Art. 24 (9) (IA)*
- *List of authorised substances in TC: Art. 24 (9) (IA)*

Horizontal provisions: Measures to be taken in case of non-compliance

- *The EC to establish the measures to be taken in the case of suspected or established non-compliance in relation to products imported under the "compliance scheme": Art. 46.8 (IA)*
- *The EC to establish the measures to be taken in the case of suspected or established non-compliance in relation to products imported " TC equivalence recognition based on Art. 33(2) of Reg. 834/2007: Art. 48.5 (IA)*