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Subject: **Adoption of Commission Notice - Questions and answers on the application of EU rules on import controls on products from third countries intended to be placed on the EU market as organic products or in-conversion products (C(2022)6595)**

Message

Please note that the Commission adopted on 20 September 2022 the *Commission Notice - Questions and answers on the application of EU rules on import controls on products from third countries intended to be placed on the EU market as organic products or in-conversion products*.

This document is [published](#) in the Official Journal of the EU¹ in all EU languages and on the DG SANTE [webpage](#) dedicated to official controls². The EN version is also attached to this Note.

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¹ OJ C 362, 21.9.2022, p. 3.

² https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/official-controls-and-enforcement/legislation-official-controls_en#official-controls-regulation-eu-2017625 .

This document is intended to assist operators and Member States' competent authorities in the implementation of the package on import controls (sanitary/phytosanitary/organic) that entered into application on 1 January 2022. This package includes Delegated Regulations (EU) 2021/2305³ and (EU) 2021/2306⁴ and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021//2307⁵. Decision trees in relation to official controls at border control posts are provided in annexes to the document.

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]
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³ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2305 of 21 October 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with rules on the cases where and conditions under which organic products and in-conversion products are exempted from official controls at border control posts, the place of official controls for such products and amending Commission Delegated Regulations (EU) 2019/2123 and (EU) 2019/2124 (Text with EEA relevance) (OJ L 461, 27.12.2021, p. 5).

⁴ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2306 of 21 October 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council with rules on the official controls in respect of consignments of organic products and in-conversion products intended for import into the Union and on the certificate of inspection (Text with EEA relevance) (OJ L 461 27.12.2021, p. 13).

⁵ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2307 of 21 October 2021 laying down rules on documents and notifications required for organic and in-conversion products intended for import into the Union (Text with EEA relevance) (OJ L 461, 27.12.2021, p. 30).