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Thank you for your e-mail<sup>1</sup> of 17 February regarding the labelling of salt with a term referring to organic production.

Please note that Regulation (EC) No 834/2007<sup>2</sup> does not apply to salt and thus, it does not specify the rules for placing on the market of salt labelled with a term referring to organic production.

However, Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 2018/848<sup>3</sup> lists sea salt and other salts for food and feed as other products referred to in Article 2(1) on the scope of this Regulation entering into application on 1 January 2021.

Therefore, from this date on salt labelled with a term referring to organic production has to be in line with the provisions of this Regulation. In particular, the terms referring to organic production may only be used for labelling and advertising of products that comply with this Regulation.

Further, pursuant to Article 21(1) of the same Regulation, the Commission is empowered to add detailed production rules for sea salt and other salts for food and feed. The preparation of such detailed production rules will not be finalised by 1 January 2021.

However, Regulation (EU) 2018/484 will apply from 1 January 2021 to salt labelled with a term referring to organic production and in particular the relevant objectives, principles, production rules laid down in Articles 4 to 10 and 16 of as well as the labelling rules in Articles 30 to 33.

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your e-mail of 17 February 2020 and expresses the view of the Commission services and does not commit the European Commission. In the event of a dispute involving Union law it is, under the

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<sup>1</sup> Ares(20220)1010770

<sup>2</sup> [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 \(OJ L 189, 20.07.2007, p. 1\)](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation \(EC\) No 834/2007 \( OJ L 150, 14.6.2018 p.1 \)](#)

Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, ultimately for the European Court of Justice to provide a definitive interpretation of the applicable Union law.

Yours sincerely,

