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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 14 November 2018 (Int. Ref. ARES (2018)5823861) requesting clarification with respect to whether the "*Danish agency should accept German seedlings that are certified organic in Germany?*" and if yes how you should proceed to get it. Please accept my apologies for the late reply.

Christmas trees are covered by the scope of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007¹; the seeds certified organic in Germany must be recognised and accepted for the production of organic Christmas trees in Denmark.

However, should Denmark have a national logo for the production of organic Christmas trees, any more stringent national requirement (e.g. variety of tree or use of specific seedlings) will have to be respected in order to use the national logo.

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your e-mail of 14 November 2018 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 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, ultimately for the Court of Justice of the European Union to provide a definitive interpretation of the applicable Union law.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1522227541587&uri=CELEX:02007R0834-20130701>

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