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Thank you for your email of 26 May 2017 according to my understanding of which you enquire as to how your company, which produces and distributes [redacted] natural bee products, may obtain EU organic certification and authorisation to use the EU organic logo.

A product imported from [redacted] may only be placed on the EU market if it conforms to the requirements of Article 33(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007<sup>1</sup>. Operators in third countries must submit their activities to control bodies and control authorities recognised in accordance with Article 33(3) of this Regulation to carry out controls and to issue a certificate of inspection confirming that the product satisfies the required conditions. A list of these bodies is provided in Annex IV of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008<sup>2</sup>. In view of the nature of your product, the relevant control body must be competent for [redacted] and cover product category B (Live animals or unprocessed animal products) and D (processed agricultural products for use as food).

Regarding labelling, the product must conform and be labelled in conformance with the terms of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007. The EU organic logo can be used on the packaging of the product following the requirements of Article 24 of the Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 and Articles 57, 58 and Annex XI of Regulation (EC) No 889/2007<sup>3</sup>. Our website gives further detail, including technical guidance in the "user manual":

[https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/downloads/logo\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/downloads/logo_en).

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your email and on the understanding that in the event of a dispute involving Union law it is, under the 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,

[redacted signature]

<sup>1</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, 20.7.2007, p. 1–23](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1235/2008 of 8 December 2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation \(EC\) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries OJ L 334 12.12.2008.](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 889/2008 of 5 September 2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation \(EC\) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control. OJ L 250, 18.9.2008](#)

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