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Thank you for your email dated 22 September 2016, in which you asked about the import of painted calabashes sold as decoration products.

The EU legislative framework on organic production is governed by Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 and its implementing rules (Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008.

Article 1, paragraph 2 of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 sets out the scope of the organic regulatory framework as follows:

*"This Regulation shall apply to the following products originating from agriculture, including aquaculture, where such products are placed on the market or are intended to be placed on the market:*

- (a) live or unprocessed agricultural products;*
- (b) processed agricultural products for use as food;*
- (c) feed;*
- (d) vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation.*

*The products of hunting and fishing of wild animals shall not be considered as organic production.*

*This Regulation shall also apply to yeasts used as food or feed."*

Decoration products, including painted calabashes are neither "live or unprocessed agricultural products" nor "processed agricultural products for use as food". As a consequence, they are not covered by the EU organic legislation and thus cannot be certified as organic or labelled using the EU organic logo.

The production and labelling of organic decoration products is not regulated at EU level. Member States might have national legislation in this regard. Therefore, we invite you to contact the national authorities of the country you wish to import your products.

Yours sincerely,

