



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Directorate B. Quality, Research & Innovation, Outreach
The Director

Brussels,
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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your e-mail of 30 June 2019¹ complaining on the labelling of organic products and in particular on the indication ‘EU/non-EU Agriculture’.

This indication is explicitly provided in Article 24(1)(c) of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products. Where the organic production logo of the European Union is used, an indication of the place where the agriculture raw materials of which the product is composed have been farmed shall appear in the same visual field as the logo. In particular, the indication ‘EU/non-EU Agriculture’ must be used where a part of the agricultural raw materials has been farmed in the Union and a part of it has been farmed in a third country.

This provision has been confirmed in Article 32(2) of the recently adopted Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council. This Regulation shall apply from 1 January 2021.

You suggested to indicate ‘non-EU’ for mixed origin products (i.e. products containing a part of agricultural raw materials farmed in the Union and a part of it farmed in a third country), however this would be misleading and in contradiction with the EU rules.

Yours sincerely,



¹ Ares(2019)4160994

