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Thank you for your email of 17 November¹ in relation to the imports of organic products after the end of the transition period in the context of the Brexit. The case you refer to concerns organic products from an EU member state that are first sent and stored in UK and then imported into the Republic of Ireland. You would like to receive information on the checks to be carried on entry into the Republic of Ireland.

In the case where these products are imported into the UK and then exported to the Republic of Ireland, the products have to comply with the provisions of the organic regulation concerning organic products intended for import into the EU and in particular with the conditions set in Article 33 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007. These products would need to be accompanied by a certificate of inspection (COI) issued by the relevant control authority or control body in accordance with article 13(3)(b) of Regulation 1235/2008. Moreover, the operators involved in the distribution and storage in UK would need to be controlled by a control body or control authority recognised in accordance with article 33(3) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007. Concerning the checks to be done at entry into the Republic of Ireland, article 13 of Regulation 1235/2008 applies.

However, in the case these organic products are moved from one EU member state to another and only transit the UK without being released in the UK (for example, a movement under the common transit convention), the shipment to the Member State of destination is not an import, and hence the organic products do not have to be accompanied by a COI.

Yours faithfully,



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