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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 22 September 2016, in which you asked about the import of a non-edible product.

The EU Regulation on organic production No 834/2007 is only about food and animal feed; therefore it doesn't cover other items which are not edible.

Article 1, paragraph 2 defines the aim and scope of the EU Regulation on Organic Production:

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.'

Therefore the label 'organic' can only be applied to edible products.

Nevertheless, the EU has another label, called 'ECO label' which could be used for non-edible products given that these products reduce their impact on the environment throughout their life cycle.

For further information, you can visit the website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ecolabel/>

Yours sincerely,

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