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Thank you for your email of 13 September 2017 according to my understanding of which you ask about the importation into Switzerland of a product which is certified EU organic and which is labelled with the EU organic logo.

Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007¹ sets out the rules on organic production and labelling of products which are placed on the EU market as organic. Article 33(2) of that Regulation lays down equivalence rules between the EU and third countries. The equivalence agreement between the EU and Switzerland provides a mutual recognition of rules governing organic farming, the processing and labelling of organic products.

A product imported into Switzerland from the EU may be sold in Switzerland as organic and labelled with the organic logo if it meets the equivalence criteria. I invite you to contact the Swiss Competent Authority; the Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG).

Yours sincerely,



¹ [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 \(OJ L 189, 20.7.2007, p. 1–23\)](#)