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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email dated 16 August 2016, in which you asked about the labelling of organic cotton in the textile products.

Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) 834/2007:

'2. 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, cotton and textiles are not in the scope of the above-mentioned Regulation. The Directorate General responsible for textiles, DG GROW confirmed that policy action on organic textiles is not being considered.

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your email of the 16th of August 2016 and on the understanding that in the event of a dispute involving Union law, it is, under the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union, ultimately for the Court of Justice of the European Union to provide a definitive interpretation of the applicable Union law.

Your sincerely,

