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Thank you for your letter of 19/8/2010 (Ares(2020)4355941) requesting polyhalite to be included in the future list of authorized fertiliser which is being established under the new organic rules (Regulation (EU) 2018/848¹).

As mentioned in your letter, currently, polyhalite is included in the list of authorized fertiliser in organic production under the entry “crude potassium salt or kainit” of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008².

Please note that the Commission is currently discussing with the Member States in the Committee on organic production the draft implementing regulation which will establish the future list of authorized fertilisers under the new organic rules.

The intention of the Commission and of the Member States is to keep crude potassium salt meeting the specifications of the Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003³ till 15 July 2022 and after this date those of Regulation (EU) No 2019/1009⁴ as an entry in the list of authorized fertilisers in organic production; hence, at this stage, we do not see a need to foresee a new entry for polyhalite in this draft implementing act.

Yours faithfully,



¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, OJ L 150, 14.6.2018, p.1).

² Commission Regulation (EC) No 889:2008 of 5 September 2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control, OL L 250, 18.9.2008, p.1.

³ Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 relating to fertilisers, OJ L 304, 21.11.2003, p.1.

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 laying down the rules on the making available on the market of EU fertilising products and amending Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 and (EC) No 1107/2009 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 OJ L 170, 25.6.2019, p.1

