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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 21 September 2016 in which you had some queries about the production of organic bread.

Article 19 of Regulation (EC) 864/2007, paragraph 2 states the conditions that should be applied in the preparation of organic processed food. It also lists the substances which are authorised for use in organic production.

'2. The following conditions shall apply to the composition of organic processed food:

(a) the product shall be produced mainly from ingredients of agricultural origin; in order to determine whether a product is produced mainly from ingredients of agricultural origin added water and cooking salt shall not be taken into account;

(b) only additives, processing aids, flavourings, water, salt, preparations of micro-organisms and enzymes, minerals, trace elements, vitamins, as well as amino acids and other micronutrients in foodstuffs for particular nutritional uses may be used, and only in so far as they have been authorised for use in organic production in accordance with Article 21;

(c) non-organic agricultural ingredients may be used only if they have been authorised for use in organic production in accordance with Article 21 or have been provisionally authorised by a Member State;

(d) an organic ingredient shall not be present together with the same ingredient in non-organic form or an ingredient in conversion;

(e) food produced from in-conversion crops shall contain only one crop ingredient of agricultural origin.'

Moreover, Article 28 of Regulation (EC) 889/2008 states:

'Use of certain non-organic ingredients of agricultural origin in processing food For the purpose of Article 19(2)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, non-organic agricultural

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ingredients listed in Annex IX to this Regulation can be used in the processing of organic food'.

Caraway is produced organically in the EU and it is therefore allowed to be used in the production of organic bread.

Your sincerely

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