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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Directorate B. Quality, Research & Innovation, Outreach
The Director

Brussels,
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Dear Madam,

Thank you for your e-mail of 11 June 2019¹ about the exceptional production rules in organic production.

Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 provides the possibility for the Commission to provide for the granting of exceptions from the production rules in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 37(2) of this Regulation. Such authorisation must be done via a Commission Implementing Regulations published in the Official Journal series L.

Articles 39 to 47 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 lay down the exceptional production rules for some of the cases set out in Article 22(2) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007. The Commission has not laid down exceptions for the use of GMO food additives in organic production. Thus, such additives are not authorised in a positive list under Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 and cannot be used in organic food production.

Yours sincerely,



¹ Ares(2019)3744183

