



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Directorate B – Sustainability

Brussels

Dear [REDACTED],

I would like to thank you for your email¹ of 20 May 2022 on the use of salt with added iodine.

The use of products and substances in the processing of food is limited by point 2.2., Part IV, of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848². Point 2.2.2. (e) provides in particular that “*drinking water and organic or non-organic salt (with sodium chloride or potassium chloride as basic components) generally used in food processing*” may be used. This provision refers to salt “*with sodium chloride or potassium chloride as basic components*”, acknowledging that other components may also be present. Iodine is a mineral that may be added to salt in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006³. The addition of iodine to salt is required in certain Member States by national law. Salt with or without iodine is generally used in food processing.

In the light of the above and subject to further information about the products at stake, I would conclude that non-organic salt containing a certain quantity of iodine normally used in salt may be used in processed organic food.

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your email of 20 May 2022 and expresses the view of the Commission services and does not commit the European Commission.

¹ ARES(2022)3946894

² [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 \(OJ L 150, 14.6.2018, p. 1\)](#)

³ [Regulation \(EC\) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on the addition of vitamins and minerals and of certain other substances to foods \(OJ L 404, 30.12.2006, p. 26\)](#)

In the event of a dispute involving Union law it is, under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, ultimately for the European Court of Justice to provide a definitive interpretation of the applicable Union law.

Yours sincerely,

