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Directorate B – Sustainability
B.4 – Organics

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Dear [REDACTED],

I would like to thank you for your email¹ of 9 March 2022, by means of which you informed the Commission services and all delegates of the Organic Production Committee (OPC) on the drought that is worsening since the beginning of 2022 in several regions of Portugal, as well as on the officially recognised existence of extreme or severe drought under Portuguese Official Publication No. 2768-A/2022 of 03/02/2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the provisions of Article 4 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/2146 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards exceptional production rules in organic production².

In particular, Article 4(1) of the abovementioned Regulation concerns Monitoring and reporting and provides for “1. Member States shall immediately inform the Commission and the other Member States on the derogations granted by their competent authorities pursuant to this Regulation via a computer system made available by the Commission that enables the electronic exchange of documents and information.”

¹ ARES (2022)1756865

² [EUR-Lex - 32020R2146 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)



As anticipated in the OPC meeting of 28 January 2022, our platform OFIS for the exchange of information has been adapted to the new provisions and you can download further relevant information on the derogations granted from the following website:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/agriportal/awaiportal/>

Yours sincerely,

