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Thank you for your message in which you have asked permission to use the EU organic logo on food packing.

Article 24(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 states that the use of the logo is compulsory for all organic pre-packaged food produced within the European Union. You may use the logo for non-pre-packaged organic food provided that the labelling provisions in Articles 24 and 25 of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 are complied with.

The EU organic logo can be used in the labelling of products that satisfy the requirements of the organic legislation without approval by the Commission.

For information on the appearance, such as layout of the logo, I kindly refer to Article 57 of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 and Annex XI for the model of the logo.

Please note that Article 28 of EU Regulation No 834/2007 requires that any operator who produces, prepares, stores or imports from a third country is subject to a control system.

In brief, you do not need our permission to print the logo on the food packaging, however the product needs to be produced according to the above-mentioned EU Regulations and it must have obtained the certification for organic.

Yours sincerely,