



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 21 April 2022 regarding the use of yeast in processed organic food other than wine as described in our previous letter referring to Regulation (EC) No 834/2007² (Ares(2019)6271053). Please accept my apologies for the late reply.

As regards the use of non-organic yeast normally used in food processing other than wine, the provisions in Regulation (EU) 2018/848³ are similar to the ones previously applicable, in particular:

- Point 2.2.2 (a), Part IV, of Annex II provides that the preparation of micro-organisms, including yeasts, normally used in food processing may be used in the processing of organic food; this authorisation does not impose that the yeast must be organic;
- Point 2.2.4 (c), Part IV, of Annex II provides that yeast and yeast products shall be calculated as agricultural ingredients for the purpose of the calculation referred to in Article 30(5) (95 % rules);
- Point 2.1 (b), Part IV, of Annex II provides that organic yeast shall not be present in organic processed food together with non-organic yeast.

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your email of 21 April 2022 and expresses the view of the Commission services and does not commit the European Commission. 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.

¹ ARES(2022)3137717

² [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation \(EEC\) No 2092/91 \(OJ L 189, 20.7.2007, p. 1\)](#)

³ [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 \(OJ L 150, 14.6.2018, p. 1\)](#)

Yours sincerely,

