



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

Brussels,
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 12 November 2019 (Ares(2019)6991332) regarding the possibility to use terms referring to organic production in the sales description of a processed food having a product of hunting or fishing as main ingredient.

Article 30(5)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on organic production and labelling of organic products¹ provides for the possibility to use the terms referring to organic production in the sales description of a product where the main ingredient is a product of hunting or fishing under specific conditions. In particular, point (ii) requires that the term referring to organic production in the sales description is clearly related to the organic ingredient and not to the product of hunting and fishing. Article 3(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 states that the products of hunting or fishing of wild animals are not considered as organic products.

Consequently, when using a reference to organic production in the sales description of a processed food having a product of hunting or fishing as main ingredient, the sales description can include the organic ingredients as part of the name of the food as allowed by Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers².

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your e-mail of 12 November 2019 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.

Yours sincerely,



¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02018R0848-20180614&qid=1576506253735&from=EN>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1576506316371&uri=CELEX:02011R1169-20180101>

