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The Director

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email¹ of 6 February 2020 on the possibility to consider the inclusion of mineral water and spring water in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 2018/848². I have received your comprehensive standard “Qualitätsgemeinschaft Bio-Mineralwasser e.V.” which refers to the IFOAM principles of Organic Agriculture.

Mineral water and spring water are not included in the scope of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007³ neither in Regulation (EU) 2018/848. During the discussion between the European Parliament and the Council on the Commission proposal, the scope of the organic Regulation was extended and some products closely linked to agricultural products are now included in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2018/848. On the contrary, mineral water and spring water are not considered as closely linked to agricultural products and are not included in this Annex.

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your e-mail of 6 February 2020 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 Ares(2020)899389

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 [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 \(OJ L 189, 20.07.2007, p. 1\)](#)

