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Subject: Micro-organisms use under Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/673

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 19 July 2016 in which you request clarification on the conditions of use micro-organism as plant protection products in organic farming.

Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007¹ lays down the general rules on organic production and labelling of organic products. The detailed production rules and requirements are laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008². Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/673³ of 29 April 2016 amends, among other aspects, Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 as regards plant protection products.

Under the title of Annex II of Regulation (EC) 889/2008, amended by Regulation (EC) No 2016/673, it is mentioned: "All the substances listed in this Annex have to comply at least with the conditions for use as specified in the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011⁴. More restrictive conditions for use for organic production are specified in the second column of each table."

¹ 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

² Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 of 5 September 2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control

³ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/673 of 29 April 2016 amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control (Text with EEA relevance). (O.J. L 116, 30.04.2016, p. 8)

⁴ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 of 25 May 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the list of approved active substances (O.J. L 153, 11.06.2011, p. 1)

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As regards micro-organisms or substances produced by micro-organisms, the same conditions which were applied before under Commission implementing Regulation (EU) No 354/2014⁵ are still valid. Therefore, the lay out of the Annex II was the only aspect that has been changed for micro-organism in Regulation (EU) 2016/673.

Sincerely yours,



⁵ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 354/2014 of 8 April 2014 amending and correcting Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control (O.J. L 106, 9.04.2014, p. 7)