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Thank you for your email of 29 May 2017, according to my understanding of your email, you are writing an article on organically produced food in Hungary, for which you ask about the procedures for obtaining EU organic certification and the EU logo, and if any fees apply.

Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007<sup>1</sup> lays out the rules on organic production and labelling of organic products.

Operators must adhere to the organic control system, which requires notifying the activity to the competent authorities and submitting the undertaking to the control system in accordance with Article 28(1) of the referred Regulation.

Regarding the cost of organic certification, Article 28(4) of the above-mentioned Regulation states that "*Member States shall ensure that any operator who complies with the rules of this Regulation, and who pays a reasonable fee as a contribution to the control expenses, is entitled to be covered by the control system*".

I therefore invite you to contact the relevant competent authority for full information related to certification, fees and labelling procedures for organic products. A list of the EU competent authorities in each Member State is available at: [http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/consumer-trust/certification-and-confidence/controls-and-inspections/control-system\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/consumer-trust/certification-and-confidence/controls-and-inspections/control-system_en)

You may also consider consulting our website, which contains interesting general information on the EU organic scheme and links to the relevant legislation: [https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/index\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/index_en)

With kind regards,

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<sup>1</sup> [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. 1–23](#)