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Thank you for you e mail in which you requested information on the imports of organic wine into the EU.

If you intend to import any organic product into the European Union (EU) you will have to respect EU legislation, particularly with regards to organic production and labelling and general food legislation.

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 contains detailed rules concerning imports of organic products from third countries. Importers can have their organic products certified for imports into the EU by independent private control bodies approved by the European Commission. You can find a list of approved control bodies in Annex IV of the above-mentioned Regulation, including those active in Lebanon. These products must be accompanied by a certificate of inspection, which is checked upon entry into the EU. The model for such a certificate can be found at the following link:

https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/sites/orgfarming/files/docs/body/modelcertificate-of-inspection.pdf

Further information on how to import organic products into the EU can be found at the following link:

https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/eu-policy/eu-rules-on-trade/import-export_en

Yours sincerely,

