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Thank you for your referenced email. According to my understanding of your email, your company is in the planning phase for the production of gins, to be made from biological products.

Regulation (EC) No  $834/2007^1$  sets out the rules on organic production, and the use of the EU organic production logo in the labelling, presentation and advertising of products which are placed on the EU market as organic.

If your future business will entail any of these activities it must comply with this and other related regulations.

Please note in this context that, in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 any operator who places organic products on the market shall (prior to the placing on the market of any products as organic) notify his activity to the competent authorities of the Member State where the activity is carried out and submit his undertaking to the relevant control system.

If you want to produce organic products, you will need to notify the relevant competent authority and submit your company to the relevant controls. The list of EU competent authorities in each Member State is available at <a href="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</a>

Finally, I invite you to visit our website which contains useful general information on the various aspects of the EU organic production scheme: <u>http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/index\_en.htm</u>



<sup>&</sup>lt;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)

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