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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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I would like to thank you for your email of 7 July 2021¹, in which you ask clarification with respect to the process of authorisation of disinfectants allowed for use in organic farming.

I would first of all like to recall that, in accordance with Article 16(1)(e) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007², the Commission may authorise, for use in organic production, substances and products for cleaning and disinfection of buildings and installations for animal production, and include them in a restricted list.

In accordance with Article 16(3) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, Member States shall ensure that a dossier is sent officially to the Commission and to other Member States in case they consider that a new substance should be added to the abovementioned list, which is currently laid down in Annex VII to Regulation (EC) No 889/2008³ setting out a list of substances for cleaning and disinfection allowed in organic farming.

It is important to underline that Article 16(1) of the same Regulation provides for the following: “*Products and substances referred to in the restricted list may only be used in so far as the corresponding use is authorised in general agriculture in the Member States concerned, in accordance with the relevant Community provisions or national provisions in conformity with Community law*”.

In addition, in accordance with Article 16(3), only Member States shall ensure the official submission of the dossier to the Commission; hence, I would like to suggest that you address any request about such a dossier, with all the necessary technical information, to the Member State in which you intend to market your product.

¹ ARES(2021)442211

² <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32007R0834>

³ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32008R0889>

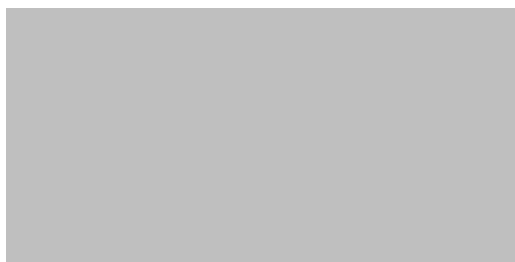
A list of national competent authorities is available at the following address:

https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/consumer-trust/certification-and-confidence/controls-and-inspections/control-system_en

Finally, I can inform you that analogous provisions are laid down under the new organic Regulation (EU) 2018/848⁴, which will be fully applicable from 1 January 2022.

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your letter of 7 July 2021 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,



⁴ [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 \(OJ L 150, 14.6.2018 p.1 \)](#)