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I would like to thank you for your email¹ of 14 December 2021 on the compulsory indications for certified organic products.

In your letter, you refer to Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.² However, as this Regulation has been repealed from 1 January 2022 by Regulation (EU) 2018/848³, the reply below refers to this new applicable Regulation.

Organic farming is a voluntary scheme with rules on production and labelling. Participating in this scheme means that all rules must be followed. In case of a processed food complying with the production rules of Regulation (EU) 2018/848, the labelling of this product must be done in accordance with Chapter IV of this Regulation. For a processed food, the terms referring to organic production must be used in the sales description and/or in the list of ingredients in accordance with the provisions laid down in Article 30(5) of that Regulation. The use of those terms in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/848 will ensure, in particular, that the information as regards its organic production is accurate, clear and easy to understand for the consumer to make informed choices in line with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011⁴.

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² [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 \(OJ L 189, 20.7.2007, p. 1\)](#)

³ [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 \(OJ L 150, 14.6.2018, p. 1\)](#)

⁴ [Regulation \(EU\) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on the provision of food information to consumers, amending Regulations \(EC\) No 1924/2006 and \(EC\) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Commission Directive 87/250/EEC, Council Directive 90/496/EEC, Commission Directive 1999/10/EC, Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, Commission Directives 2002/67/EC and 2008/5/EC and Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 608/2004 \(OJ L 304 22.11.2011, p. 18\)](#)

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your email of 14 December 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,

