



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Directorate B – Sustainability

Brussels

Dear [REDACTED],

I would like to thank you for your email¹ of 25 July 2022 regarding the labelling of organic ingredients in a non-organic product.

Article 30(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848² confirms that terms referring to organic production cannot be used for the labelling of a product that does not comply with this Regulation. Nevertheless, for processed food, Article 30(5)(b) of the same Regulation provides that such terms may be used in relation to organic ingredients in the list of ingredients of a non-organic processed food under certain conditions mentioned in this Article.

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your email of 25 July 2022 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,



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² [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 \(OJ L 150, 14.6.2018, p. 1\)](#)

