

COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2021/269**of 4 December 2020****amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/427 as regards the date of application of the amendments to certain detailed production rules for organic products in Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to 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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 12(2)(e), 14(2)(c) and 15(2)(a) and (d) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and the related public health crisis, Regulation (EU) 2020/1693 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾ postponed the date of application of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 by one year, together with other related dates referred to in Regulation (EU) 2018/848.
- (2) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/427 ⁽³⁾ amended Regulation (EU) 2018/848 as regards certain detailed production rules for organic products. In the interest of legal certainty, those production rules should apply from the date of application of Regulation (EU) 2018/848.
- (3) Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/427 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (4) As this Regulation needs to apply as a matter of urgency, it should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* and apply from 1 January 2021,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 2 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/427, the second paragraph is replaced by the following:

'It shall apply from 1 January 2022.'

*Article 2*This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2021.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 150, 14.6.2018, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU) 2020/1693 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 November 2020 amending Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on organic production and labelling of organic products as regards its date of application and certain other dates referred to in that Regulation, OJ L 381, 13.11.2020, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/427 of 13 January 2020 amending Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain detailed production rules for organic products (OJ L 87, 23.3.2020, p. 1).

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 4 December 2020.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN
