



Aggiornamento sugli accordi UE - Regno Unito dopo il 31 Dicembre 2020.

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Equivalence

- The Commission published the regulation recognising the UK's 6 control bodies as equivalent as of 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2021
- This means that GB organic businesses will be able to export goods to the EU during 2021.
- GB organic businesses retain the option to use the EU organic logo on product produced under EU equivalence



- Raw materials imported from third countries equivalent with the EU and processed in GB can also bear the EU organic logo.

Equivalence

- To ensure a smooth transition process, the UK in respect of Great Britain (GB) will recognise the EU as equivalent for the purpose of trade in organics until 31 December 2021.
- The UK Government proposed an organics equivalence agreement, as a technical annex, in its Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) proposals. These negotiations are ongoing.
- It remains their objective to negotiate a durable, long-term organics equivalence agreement with the EU.

Northern Ireland and Organic Equivalence

- In regards to organic goods, NI will follow EU rules.
- NI will be able to send its organic goods to the EU as it does now.
- The EU has confirmed control bodies established in NI can continue to certify NI organic businesses.
- NI may send organic goods to GB and the goods will not require a certificate of inspection (Col).
- Organic products exported from GB to NI will require an EU Col.
- GB companies who wish to export organic products to NI must register on the EU's Trade Control and Expert System New Technology (TRACES NT) for exporting and be approved by their control body.

International Equivalence Arrangements

- The EU has equivalence arrangements with 13 countries.
- These are being rolled over so that they will apply to the UK and trade may continue as now.

Labelling

- There is an option to use the EU organic logo on any GB organic food from 1 January 2021 if the control body has been recognised by the EU and the EU code GB-BIO-XXX code is on pack.
- The simplest approach for export to the EU is to use the GB-BIO-XXX code without the EU leaf logo and then there isn't the need the agricultural statement.
- Organic goods produced in Northern Ireland must continue to use the EU organic logo.
- For operators certified to GB standards who sell in GB and the EU/ NI, they will need to include both the GB-ORG-XX code to confirm they meet the GB domestic standards and the EU code GB-BIO-XXX to confirm they meet the equivalent EU standards for export.

Statement of Agricultural Origin (Labelling)

GB must use the following

- UK Agriculture
- Non UK Agriculture
- UK/ Non UK Agriculture

NI/EU must use the following where the EU logo is used:

- EU Agriculture
 - Non EU Agriculture
 - EU/ Non EU Agriculture
- For export to third countries, operators need to meet that Countries labelling requirements.
 - For export to the EU, if the EU organic logo is used it will need the GB statement of agriculture and the EU statement of agriculture. i.e. UK/Non UK plus EU/Non EU

Organic Imports and COIs

- All imports from third countries, except from the EU, EEA, or Switzerland must be accompanied by a GB Certificate of Inspection (CoI) from 1 January 2021.
- Imports from the EU, EEA, or Switzerland will be required to be accompanied by a GB COI from 1 July 2021.
- The UK government are implementing this phased approach to endorsing EU COIs to reduce unnecessary barriers to trade.
- By 1 July all EU, EEA, or Switzerland organic exporters must be certified by a control body and the control body must issue the COI for export to GB.
- This change has been made to allow more time for ports to put in place the necessary capacity to adapt to the new system for import of organic foods.

Organic Imports and GB Import System

- From 1 January 2021, we will use a paper-based import system for all imports. This is the same system previously used in the EU until 2017.
- This is a temporary solution that will be replaced with an electronic system as soon as available.
- Control Bodies in third countries must continue to endorse the certificates before the consignment leaves. As allowed now, transport documentation can be provided after the Col has been endorsed, but it must be received before the consignment can be cleared.
- To check the tariffs that will apply to goods you import when the UK Global Tariff takes effect on 1 January 2021 - https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-tariffs-from-1-january-2021?utm_campaign=transition_p3g&utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=seg&utm_content=ala_act18&gclid=CPee9oLVze0CFZISGwodPQ4MZA

Organic Imports and GB Import System

- The COI will need to be endorsed when the organic goods arrive either at a GB border control post (BCP) or by local trading standards. If the consignment needs a physical check or testing, this will need to go to a port that is able to carry out these checks. Further information can be accessed via the Defra step by step guidance.
- Importers must ensure that all organic imports from third countries meet the requirements laid out in retained Commission Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008.
- Consignments that arrive without an endorsed COI (except from the EU from 1/1/21 until 30/06/2021) will not be able to be cleared as organic. The organic goods would have to be either re-labelled (removing all reference to organics), re-exported as non-organic or destroyed.
- All exporters and will need to be certified as organic. They will need to register with their control body who will issue the COI. The phased implementation allows for this change.

Organic Imports – Revised documents and guidance

- Defra has published step by step guidance and an FAQ on importing organic products from third countries into GB at the end of the transition period. The following documents relating to imports of organic goods from 1 January 2021 are also available:
- GB Certificate of Inspection (CoI) template
- GB Certificate of Inspection (CoI) explanatory notes
- Extract of the GB Certificate of Inspection (CoI) template
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- See <https://ofgorganic.org/news/importing-organic-products-from-third-countries-into-great-britain-at-the-end-of-the-transition-period>

Next Steps

- If you want to contact the Defra team directly – please email Organic.Standards@Defra.gov.uk



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