



Reminder of important procedures for importing your products into the EU

Dear Operator,

The beginning of the year 2022 and the start of the mango export campaign are an opportunity to remind you of some **important administrative procedures** for importing your products from third countries. This will help you to avoid problems at the European Union's borders.

As a reminder, Regulation (EU) [2021/2306](#) provides all the information on the implementing rules of Regulation (EU) [848/2018](#) concerning the import regime for organic products from third countries.



Your Certificate of Inspection (COI) must be issued BEFORE export and validated by the Competent Authority

[Article 4 of Regulation 2021/2306](#) states that:

1. The Certificate of Inspection (COI) must be issued **before your consignment** of products bearing a reference to organic farming **leaves the third country of export or origin**.
2. The COI must then **be approved by the Competent Authority of the Member State where the border control post or the point of release for free circulation in the EU is located** and completed by the first consignee.



Your COI will only be issued after a full documentary check

The control authority or control body issuing the certificate of inspection shall issue the certificate and sign the declaration in box 18 of the certificate only after having carried out a **documentary check on the basis of all relevant control documents**, including in particular the production plan for the product concerned, commercial documents and, where appropriate according to its risk assessment, after having carried out a physical check of the batch.

We therefore remind you that you should be prepared to provide us with this information on request.

In order to allow us to analyse these elements and issue the COI in time, we ask you to submit your request at least 48 hours (2 working days) before the departure of your product. If the deadline is shorter or if elements are missing, we cannot guarantee that the COI will be issued before departure.



Your COI must be completed in TRACES with the final information no later than 10 days after the certificate is issued

As complete transport documents are not always available in time to be encoded in TRACES before shipment, it is possible to fill in boxes 13, 16 and 17 of the COI in TRACES **with the provisional information** available at the time of issuing the COI. It is also possible to provide us with provisional documents (at least a provisional invoice is required). This information (including transport documents) must be "included in the certificate of inspection within a maximum of **ten days from the** issuance of the certificate and, in any case, **before the approval of the certificate of inspection by the competent authorities of the Member State concerned**. CERTISYS provides the service of entering this information into TRACES. **We remind you that it is your responsibility to provide us with this information within the given timeframe. The Competent Authority at the point of entry may refuse a consignment in case of incomplete data.**

We remain at your disposal for any questions. Contact CERTISYS: info@certisys.eu or 081/60.03.77
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