

# GUIDELINES ON LABELLING AIMED AT OPERATORS EXPORTING ORGANIC PRODUCTS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES INTO THE EUROPEAN UNION

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**« ORGANIC » PRODUCTS as defined in Chapter (D).1.a) of Title VII of Ecocert Organic Standard (EOS) >95% organic** (i.e. with more than 95 % certified organic ingredients, by weight of ingredients of agricultural origin)

Specific requirements concerning organic regulations are set in EOS in Title VII on product labelling, in chapter (A).2 of Title VI on packaging and documentary requirements for transport of products to other operators, in chapter (B).4 of Title VIII on accounting documents and in Art. 13 of Regulation (EC) 1235/2008 on certificates of inspection.

General provisions on labelling foodstuff are laid down in Regulation (EU) N° 1169/2011. The following table underlines specific requirements of this Regulation.

According to Art. 18.4 of Regulation (EC) 178/2002 on traceability, food and feed which are placed on the market or are likely to be placed on the market in the European Community shall be adequately labelled or identified to facilitate their traceability.

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<b>LABEL on non pre-packaged products</b> (e.g. big bag...)	Yes + in the list of ingredients it is indicated which ingredients are organic (may also be indicated on product info sheet or in sales description)	<b>Mandatory:</b> code number of control body of operator who carried out the most recent production or preparation operation (processing/packaging/labelling)  <b>Optional :</b> name of control body	<b>Optional</b>	If EU logo is NOT used: indication cannot appear  If EU logo is used: <b>mandatory</b> indication in the same visual field as the logo, immediately below the code number of control body	<b>Optional</b>  <b>Mandatory :</b> Name/entity and EU address of manufacturing and/or packaging operators and/or EU vendor	<b>Optional</b> (Name of EU vendor may be indicated)
<b>LABEL on final consumer pre-packaged products</b>	Yes + in the list of ingredients it is indicated which ingredients are organic	<b>Mandatory:</b> code number of control body of operator who carried out the most recent production or preparation operation (processing/packaging/labelling)  <b>Optional :</b> name of control body	<b>Optional</b>	If EU logo is NOT used: indication cannot appear  If EU logo is used: <b>mandatory</b> indication in the same visual field as the logo, immediately below the code number of control body	<b>Optional</b>  <b>Mandatory :</b> Name/entity and EU address of manufacturing and/or packaging operators and/or EU vendor	If the product is intended for sale in predetermined <b>"constant nominal quantities"</b> , <b>name of importer is mandatory</b>

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<b>VENDOR LABEL</b> Vendor own brand name on final consumer pre-packaged products	Yes + in the list of ingredients it is indicated which ingredients are organic	<b>Mandatory:</b> code number of control body of operator who carried out the most recent production or preparation operation (processing/packaging/labelling) <b>Optional :</b> name of control body <b>Optional :</b> name and/or code number of control body of vendor	<b>Optional</b>	If EU logo is NOT used: indication cannot appear  If EU logo is used: <b>mandatory</b> indication in the same visual field as the logo, immediately below the code number of control body	<b>Optional</b> <b>Mandatory :</b> Name/entity and EU address of manufacturing and/or packaging operators and/or EU vendor	If the product is intended for sale in predetermined " <b>constant nominal quantities</b> ", <b>name of importer is mandatory</b>
<b>PACKAGING LABEL</b> for transport to other operators	Yes	Code number and/or name of control body	Optional	If EU logo is NOT used: indication cannot appear  If EU logo is used: <b>mandatory</b> indication in the same visual field as the logo, immediately below the code number of control body	Name + address of operator and product owner or vendor (if applicable)	No

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<b>SHIPPING LABEL</b> for export (copy of label to be provided for issuance of certificate of inspection)	<b>Mandatory + product name</b>  <i>e.g. ORGANIC TOFU</i>	<b>Mandatory: code number of control body of operator</b>  <i>e.g. CN - BIO -154</i>	n/a	n/a	<b>Mandatory: Name of certified exporter /operator + country</b>  <i>e.g. XU LTD - CHINA</i>	n/a
<b>COMMERCIAL INVOICE</b>	<b>Mandatory + NET WEIGHT of organic products</b>	Optional	Optional  If EU logo used, all products listed must be compliant with EU logo requirements	No	<b>Mandatory: Name + address</b>	<b>Mandatory: Name + address</b>

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<b>CMR WAYBILL</b>	<b>Mandatory + NET WEIGHT of organic products</b>	Optional if packaging for transport is labelled  <b>Mandatory:</b> Name and/or code number of control body if packaging for transport is not labelled (bulk container, non pre-packaged products..)	Optional  If EU logo used, all products listed must be compliant with EU logo requirements	No	<b>Mandatory:</b> Name + address	<b>Mandatory:</b> Name + address
<b>BILL OF LADING</b>	<b>Mandatory + NET WEIGHT of organic products</b>	Optional if packaging for transport is labelled  <b>Mandatory:</b> Name and/or code number of control body if packaging for transport is not labelled (bulk container, non pre-packaged products..)	Optional  If EU logo used, all products listed must be compliant with EU logo requirements	No	<b>Mandatory:</b> Name + address of operator owner or vendor if different	<b>Mandatory:</b> Name + address
<b>CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION</b>  Issued by the control body as per Annex V REC 1235/2008	<b>Mandatory + (box.14) NET WEIGHT of organic products</b>	<b>Mandatory</b> Name + address	No	No	<b>Mandatory</b> Name + address of exporter + producer / processor	<b>Mandatory</b> Name + address + Importer