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5	31.10.16	Prohibition of primary parallel production in case of producer group	9.1.11	G.B	J.A.
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I INTRODUCTION

1. INTRODUCTION

1.0 Chapter content

Introduction provides general information about ECOVIVENDI doo and Private Standard

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1.1 Legal basis of ECOVIVENDI doo

1.1.01	ECOVIVENDI doo (hereinafter EV) has been registered in the Business Registers Agency /APR/ of the Republic of Serbia as an independent body for performance of technical control and analysis;
1.1.02	ECOVIVENDI doo has been accredited for certification of organic products pursuant to the requirements of the international standard SRPS EN ISO/IEC 17065: 2016 by the Accreditation Body of Serbia /ATS/;
1.1.03	ECOVIVENDI doo has been authorized as a control body for the inspection and certification of organic products on the territory of the Republic of Serbia for the ZOP certification scheme (<i>Law on Organic Production of the Republic of Serbia</i>) by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Serbia, with code number RS-ORG-009;
1.1.04	ECOVIVENDI doo renews granted authorization i.e. accreditation each year for the upcoming year;
1.1.05	Testing is performed by a subcontracted laboratory accredited according to ISO/IEC 17025:2005

1.2 EPOS in general

1.2.01	The name of this standard is ECOVIVENDI PRIVATE STANDARD FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTS, abbreviated as EPOS. EPOS includes requirements related to organic production methods, inspection and certification of organic production and organic products as referred to in the <i>Law on Organic Production of the Republic of Serbia 30/10</i> and the <i>Rulebook on Control and Certification in Organic Production and Organic Production Methods of the Republic of Serbia 48/11</i> , partly modified based on the normative document issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Serbia for the purpose of gaining equivalence with the organic production requirements set out in EC 834/07, EC 889/08 and EC 1235/08;
1.2.02	EPOS is equivalent to the Regulations EC 834/07, EC 889/08 and it is applied on product categories a) and b) (see 1.3.01) on the territory of the Republic of Serbia for the purpose of importing organic products into the EU in accordance with Article 33 (3), EC 834/07;
1.2.03	EPOS includes equivalent requirements related to organic production methods, inspection and certification of organic production and organic products specified in EC 834/07, EC 889/08, EC 1235/08 and Guidelines on Imports of Organic Products into the EU, December 15.2008;
1.2.04	Section VI of the <i>Instruction Defining the Conditions for the Production, Control and Certification of Organic Products Exported to the EU Market</i> , issued by the Directorate for National Reference Laboratories of the Republic of Serbia on August 14.2013 does not exclude the application of the <i>Rulebook on Control and Certification in Organic Production and Organic Production Methods of the Republic of Serbia 48/11</i> , except in those requirements that are contrary to the Regulations EC 834/07, EC 889/08 and EC 1235/08.
1.2.05	ECOVIVENDI monitors amendments in EC Regulations for organic production and performs updating accordingly. The date of EPOS application and version number are written on the front page of the "TABLE OF CONTENTS" chapter as well as at the bottom of each page of this Standard;
1.2.06	If EPOS certification scheme requirements need to be amended, ECOVIVENDI shall set implementation deadlines: (a) for amendment initiated by the European Commission ECOVIVENDI shall accept the implementation deadline specified by the initiator; (b) for changes initiated by ECOVIVENDI, implementation deadline appropriate for the amendment shall be applied; Operator, supervisory bodies and interested parties shall be notified of the amendment of EPOS certification scheme. Maintenance and development of EPOS standard and certification scheme are assisted and supported by the

	<i>Commission for the Development of Certification Schemes</i> , whose members ECOVIVENDI staff are, as well as by the representatives of interested parties – producers of organic products, consumers of organic products and state authorities interested in the promotion and development of organic production on the territory of Republic of Serbia;
1.2.07	The valid version of EPOS shall be available to operators via website in the form of a consolidated text, i.e. it shall not contain references to EC 834/07, EC 889/08 and 1235/08 requirements;

1.3 Subject and scope of EPOS

1.3.01	EPOS is applicable to: (a) organic unprocessed agricultural products of plant origin and (b) organic processed agricultural products intended for human consumption which are imported into the EU market, with the last production activity performed on the territory of the Republic of Serbia by an operator controlled by ECOVIVENDI; EPOS requirements shall be applied by every operator controlled by EV, at all stages of production, processing and distribution of organic products, including packaging, labelling, transport, storage, trading, import and export;
1.3.02	Products obtained by hunting wild animals and fishing shall not be considered as products obtained by organic production methods, but shall be regarded as products of agricultural origin;
1.3.03	EPOS includes general and specific requirements for the production, processing and distribution as well as control requirements that the operator shall comply with; those requirements are given in the following chapters: (I) introduction (II) objectives and principles of organic production; (III-VII and IX) general and specific organic production rules in all phases of products realization referred to in 1.3.01, including transport, storage, packaging, labelling, trading, import into the Republic of Serbia and export to the EU; (VIII) Organic control system; (X) Annexes
1.3.04	ECOVIVENDI accepts the following products and substances authorized by the EC for use in organic production as well as restrictions in their application: (a) fertilizers, soil conditioners, plant protection products, products for cleaning and disinfection of premises, including storage facilities on agricultural holdings and equipment used for plant production, (b) products of non-agricultural origin used in processing of organic food, including approved conventional ingredients of agricultural origin, specified in EC 834/07, Articles 16, 19 (2), 20, 21, 22 and 37 and EC 889/08 Articles 3, 5, 27, 28 and 45 and Annexes I, II, VIII and IX of EC 889/08.
1.3.05	ECOVIVENDI accepts the rules and conditions for applying derogations in application of organic methods referred to in Article 22 of EC 834 / 07, adopted by the EC, in case: (a) when it is necessary in order to ensure the initiation or maintenance of organic production on holdings exposed to climatic, geographical and structural limitations; (b) when it is necessary in order to ensure availability of propagating material in case such material is not available on the market of the Republic of Serbia in organic form; EV shall keep derogations to a minimum, limited in time and applied as needed;
1.3.06	ECOVIVENDI accepts the rules on conversion, i.e. the rules on transition to organic plant production pursuant to Article 17 of EC 834/07 and Article 36 of EC 889/08 in the part relating to plant organic production, provided that the decisions referred to in 889/08, Article 36 (2), 36 (3), 36 (4), have been made by ECOVIVENDI;
1.3.07	ECOVIVENDI shall not authorize the operator to temporarily use a conventional agricultural food ingredient not listed in Annex 4 of this Standard, when such an ingredient is not available on the market in organic form; for that reason, the application of Article 29 of EC 889/08, resulting from Article 22 (c) of EC 834/07, shall be excluded. This is in compliance with the <i>Instruction Defining the Conditions for the Production, Control and Certification of Organic Products Exported to the EU Market</i> , August 14 2013, issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Serbia;
1.3.08	If the operator contacts a control authority of the Republic of Serbia and obtains approval for the restricted use of a conventional agricultural ingredient not listed in the Annex 4 of this Standard, EV shall not accept the approval. This is in compliance with the <i>Instruction Defining the Conditions for the Production, Control and Certification of Organic Products Exported to the EU Market</i> , August 14 2013, issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Serbia;
1.3.09	ECOVIVENDI accepts the rules for the labelling and use of terms and mark of conformity for organic products exported to the EU and defined in EC 834/07, EC 889/08; This is in compliance with the <i>Instruction Defining the Conditions for the Production, Control and Certification of Organic Products Exported to the EU Market</i> , August

	14 2013, issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Serbia;
1.3.10	<p>ECOVIVENDI shall authorize the use of terms and mark of conformity which indicate that the product has been produced by the organic methods specified in 7.1.01 and 7.2.02 as well as for the purpose of advertising by the operator, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the product has been produced in compliance with the production rules specified in this Standard; - the operator has been subject to the control measures specified in this Standard; - the operator has had its activities controlled by EV in all phases of production, processing and distribution of organic products, including the process of packaging, labelling, transport, storage, trading, import and export; - EV has issued a certificate of conformity confirming the application of organic methods;

1.4 Equivalent schemes recognized by ECOVIVENDI doo

1.4.01	<p>ECOVIVENDI doo shall recognize the certificates of conformity issued by control bodies/authorities recognized by the European Commission as complied with or equivalent to EC 834/07 and included in the list of authorized control bodies pursuant to EC 834/07, Article 35, and EC 1235 / 08, Articles 3, 7 and 10:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) An authorized control body/authority of an EU Member State, including countries belonging to the EEA or EFTA b) An authorized control body/authority outside the EU which is on the list of recognized third countries and is approved by the European Commission; c) An authorized control body/institution outside the EU, approved by the European Commission; <p>EV shall follow up the official publications of authorized control bodies, as well as changes in the subject and scope of authorized control bodies;</p>
1.4.02	<p>In case of import of an organic product into the Republic of Serbia from the EU or EEA/EFTA countries, if such a product has been certified according to Article 1.4.01 and it contains a conventional agricultural ingredient that has been granted authorisation (Article 29 of EC 889/08) or an ingredient not included in The list of authorized conventional agricultural ingredients, EV shall issue a certificate of organic status provided that the imported product shall be used exclusively for distribution to the final consumer, in accordance with Article 34, EC 834/07 on the free movement of organic products;</p>

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2. DEFINITIONS

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2.1 Definitions (interpretation of terms used in this Standard as well as terms taken from EC 834/07, 889/08 and 1235/08)

Term	Meaning
Additive	Any substance that is, regardless of its nutritional value, not used as foodstuff or a typical food ingredient, but is added to foodstuff during production, processing, preparation, treatment, packaging, transport or storing because of technological reasons, so it becomes or can become a food component directly or indirectly, by means of its intermediate products;
Database of propagating material	List of plant species and varieties whose propagating material, available on the Serbian market, may be used in organic production; the list is managed by ECOVIVENDI and is available through the website;
Plant production	Production of agricultural crop products including harvesting of wild plants for commercial purposes (EC 834/07);
Supplier of propagating material in organic production	A legal entity headquartered in the Republic of Serbia that produces, processes, markets or imports propagating material used in organic production and has been registered for these operations;
Equivalence	Capability of different systems or measures to meet the same objectives i.e. to accomplish the same level of assurance of conformity.
EV	ECOVIVENDI doo
Stages of production, processing and distribution	Any stage from and including the primary production of an organic product up to and including its storage, processing, transport or delivery to the end consumer and, where

	appropriate, labelling, advertising, import, export and subcontracting activities (EC 834/07);
GMO “Genetically modified organism“	An organism other than human beings in which the genetic material has been altered in a way that does not occur naturally by propagation and/or natural recombination; the methods used are, e.g. the creation of new combinations of genetic material outside the organism, direct introduction into the organism of heritable material prepared outside that organism or cell fusion; (EC 18/2001)
Product produced from GMOs	Product derived fully or partially from GMOs, but not containing or consisting of GMOs;
Product produced by GMOs	Product derived by using a GMO as the last living organism in the production process, but not containing or consisting of GMOs and not produced from GMOs;
Food	Any substance or product, whether processed, partially processed or unprocessed, intended for human consumption or reasonably expected to be consumed by humans, with the exception of: feed for animals not used for food production, live animals unless they are prepared for placing on the market for human consumption, plants before harvesting, cosmetics, tobacco and tobacco products, narcotics and contaminants. Food includes drink, chewing gum, as well as any substance added to food intentionally during its preparation, processing or production; Law on Food Safety of the Republic of Serbia 41/09; (EC 178/02)
Ionising radiation	Transmission of energy of a wave-length of 100 nanometres or less or a frequency from 3 x 10 ¹⁵ Hz or more, capable of producing ions directly or indirectly; (EC 29/96; EC 2/99 and EC 834/07)
Operator	A natural or legal persons responsible for ensuring the application of organic production methods under their control in compliance with the requirements; (EC 834/07)
Conversion	A transition from conventional to organic production in a given period of time during which the organic production methods have been applied; (EC 834/07)
Conventional product (non-organic)	A product that does not come from/has not been produced in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 834/07 and Regulation (EC) No 889/08.
Competent authority	The central authority of a Member State competent for the organization of official controls in the field of organic production in accordance with the Regulation (EC) No 834/07, or any other authority on which that competence has been conferred to; where appropriate, the term shall also include the corresponding authority of a third country; (EC 834/07)
Term	Meaning
Control authority	A public administrative organization of a Member State to which the competent authority has conferred its competence for inspection and certification in the field of organic production in accordance with the Regulation (EC) No 834/07; where appropriate, the term shall also include the corresponding authority of a third country (EC 834/07).
Control/certification body (CB)	An independent private third party carrying out inspection and certification in the field of organic production in accordance with the Regulation (EC) No 834/07 (EC 834/07);
Preventive measures	Measures of prevention to be taken in order to reduce or eliminate risks so as to meet EPOS-defined requirements; prevention measures shall be pre-defined, documented and applied by the operator.
Control file	All the information and documents submitted, for the purpose of control, to the competent Member State authorities, control authorities or control bodies of an operator subject to the control system as referred to in Article 28 of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, including all the relevant information and documents relating to that operator or that operator’s activities kept by a competent authority, control authority or control body, with the exception of information or documents that do not affect the control system management (EC 392/13);
Production unit	Land, facilities, premises or area used for production of an organic product (production parcel, collection area, premises for the storage of crop, technical products and other materials relevant for this specific sector). (EC 889/08)
First consignee	The natural or legal person to whom the imported consignment is delivered and who will perform further marketing, i.e. processing; (EC 889/07)
Physical control	Inspection of production units, organic products, production processes, application of prescribed precautionary measures, sampling and testing and other forms of inspection described in the control program that are necessary for verification of the compliance of an

	organic product with EPOS requirements;
Document control	Control of production, financial and stock records relating to organic production and organic products that are required by control programs;
Irregularity	Failure to comply with EPOS requirements, or with requirements defined by the EPOS certification scheme;
Labelling	Any terms, words, particulars, trademarks, brand name or symbol relating to or placed on any packaging, document, notice, label, board, ring or collar accompanying the product or referring to a product;(EC 834/07)
Mark of conformity	The assertion of conformity of an organic product to a particular set of standards in the form of a mark; (EC 834/07)
Advertising	Any representation to the public, by any means other than a label, which is intended or is likely to affect attitudes, beliefs and behaviour and shape them in order to promote the sale of organic products directly or indirectly; (EC 834/07)
Import of organic food	Bringing organic food into the territory of the Republic of Serbia from another country; Bringing organic food into the EU territory in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1235/08.
Licence for the release for free circulation	Placing an imported organic product on the market of the Republic of Serbia with prior verification that the imported consignment complies with positive regulations in force in the Republic of Serbia.
Processing	Operations of preservation and/or processing of organic products, including packaging, labelling and/or alteration of labels concerning organic production methods (EC 834/07)
Release for free circulation	Sale of organic products on the market, as well as import, i.e. export of organic products;
Pre-packaged foodstuff	Any single product for presentation as such to the end consumer and to mass caterers, consisting of foodstuff and the packaging in which it was put before being offered for sale, whether such packaging protects the foodstuff completely or partially, but in any case in such a way that the contents cannot be altered without opening or changing the packaging (EC 13/2000)

Term	Meaning
Group	A group consisting of small primary agricultural producers, processors and/or distributors whose production activities and all activities related to the process of organic production certification are organized within a joint structure and are subject to internal controls by the Group, while the EV conducts external control in order to verify and assess the effectiveness of the established internal control system applicable to all Group members and certifies the Group as a whole;
Certificate holder	An operator that signs a contract with ECOVIVENDI and is responsible for all-inclusive application of the requirements accepted by signature, which implies implementation of the EPOS certification scheme, and in case of group certification its implementation by all group members; certificate holder is the holder of the certificate of conformity;
Certificate of conformity (certificate)	A written document issued by EV given to the certificate holder, certifying that organic production methods have been applied in the production process and that the product meets the organic production requirements in accordance with this Standard;
Consignment	A quantity of products under one or more combined nomenclature codes, covered by a single certificate of inspection, sent by the same means of transport and exported to the EU;
Consignment verification	Verification of the certificate of inspection by a relevant Member State authority as a part of official control in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 882/04, where considered appropriate by these authorities, verification of the product regarding fulfilment of requirements of the Regulation (EC) No 834/07, Regulation (EC) No 889/08 and Regulation (EC) No 1235/08, with the application of document control, random checks consistent with risk analysis and physical controls before release for free circulation by the first consignee; a relevant Member State authority implies the customs authority or other authority as determined by the Member States (EC 1842/16);
Importer	An entity that imports organic products on its own or through a representative and is responsible for the release of the consignment for free circulation; (Regulation (EC) No 889/08); in the Republic of Serbia - an entity responsible for obtaining a licence for the release of imported goods for circulation on the territory of the Republic of Serbia;

Exporter	An entity that exports organic products to the EU and other countries and that was the last to handle the organic product being exported;
Batch/Lot	A quantity of products produced from the same raw materials under the same production conditions in one production process (cycle);
ZOP certification scheme	Organic product certification system to which the requirements of the <i>Law on Organic Production (ZOP) of the Republic of Serbia 30/10</i> apply, as well as internal rules and procedures applied by EV in the activities of inspection and certification of organic production and organic products;
EPOS certification scheme	Organic product certification system to which EPOS requirements apply, as well as internal rules and procedures applied by EV in inspection and certification of organic production and organic products, equivalent to Regulation (EC) No 834/07, Regulation (EC) No 889/08, Regulation (EC) No 1235/08 and Guidelines on Imports of Organic Products into the EU, December 15 2008, rev 1;
EC	The European Commission
EU	The European Union
Organic production	Application of production method compliant with Regulation (EC) No 834/07 at all stages of production, processing and distribution; (EC 834/07)
Organic	Coming from or related to organic production (EC 834/07)
RS	The Republic of Serbia
Processing aid	Any substance not consumed as a food ingredient by itself, intentionally used in the processing of raw materials, foodstuffs or their ingredients so as to meet certain technological purpose during treatment or processing, which may result in unintentional but technically unavoidable presence of residues of the substance or its derivatives in the end product, provided that those residues do not present any health risk and have no technological effect on the end product; (EC 834/07)

Term	Meaning
Traceability	The ability to trace and follow food, feed, animals used for food production, ingredients or substances intended to be or expected to be incorporated in food or feed, through all stages of production, processing and distribution;
Good manufacturing practice	Application of certain technological and hygiene procedures in food production that ensure the production of quality and safe food, as well as application of certain verification measures which confirm that the product has been produced by procedures that meet quality and safety requirements;
Technical material	Products or substances used in plant production such as fertilizers, soil conditioners, biodynamic preparations and pesticides;
Production unit map	A relative presentation of an agricultural area, facilities, buildings, premises and equipment used in organic production; in case of mixed or parallel production, the map shall also include the parts of the production unit with mixed or parallel production, as well as the organic and conventional products flow within the production unit;
Documentary evidence	Document referred to in Article 68 of Regulation (EC) 889/08 and Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1235/08; (EC 1235/08)
Certificate of inspection	A document issued by a competent control authority recognized by the EC which confirms that an organic product is equivalent to EC 834/07 pursuant to Article 33;
Advertising/Presentation	Any representation to the public, by any means other than a label, which is intended or is likely to affect attitudes, beliefs and behaviour and shape them in order to promote the sale of organic products directly or indirectly; (EC 834/07)
Ingredient	Any substance, including additives, used in production or preparation of foodstuffs and still present in end product, even in modified form. Where an ingredient of a foodstuff is a product of several ingredients, the latter shall be regarded as ingredients of the foodstuff in question; Ingredients do not imply: (a) ingredient constituents which have been temporarily separated during production process and later reintroduced but not in proportion higher than the initial (b) additives entering the foodstuff directly or by being contained in one or more ingredients of that foodstuff, provided that they have no technological function in the end product and additives used as processing aids (c) substances used in large quantities strictly as solvents or media for additives or flavourings; (EC 13/2000)

Technical products	Materials used in plant production as fertilizers, soil conditioners and pesticides
Plant protection products	Active substances and preparations containing one or more active substances, put up in the form in which they are delivered to the user, intended for: 1) protection of plants or plants products against all harmful organisms or prevention of the action of such organisms, in so far as such substances or preparations are not otherwise defined; 2) influencing the life processes of plants, other than as a nutrient (e.g. growth regulators); 3) preservation of plant products in so far as such substances or products are not subject to special Council of Commission provisions on preservatives; 4) destruction of undesired plants; or 5) destruction of plant parts, checking or prevention of undesired growth of plants; (EC 414/91)
Propagating material	Generative or vegetative parts of plants (seeds of cereals, industrial crops, fodder, vegetables, medicinal plants, herbs, tubers, bulbs, cloves, nurseries, edible mushrooms mycelium) used for propagation and production of agricultural crops; it also includes planting material of fruit, vines and hops implying a whole plant or a part of it used for planting or for the production of planting material;
Processing	It means any action referred to in Article 2(1)(m) of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004, including the use of substances referred to in Article 19(2)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007. (e.g. heating, smoking, curing, maturing, drying, marinating, extraction, extrusion or a combination of those processes). Packaging and labelling operations shall not be considered as processing; (EC 1842/16)
Post-harvest handling of products	Any action on the product that does not have the characteristics of processing referred to in Article 2(1)(m), including the actions referred to in Article 2(1)(n) of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004, excluding packaging and labelling operations (e.g. freezing, sorting, grinding, cooling, washing, cutting, peeling and similar activities); (EC 1842/16);

Term	Meaning
Processed food	Foodstuffs resulting from the processing activities as referred to in Article 2(1)(o) of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004, excluding packaging and labelling operations; (EC 1842/16);
Unprocessed food	Foodstuffs that have not undergone processing, but have been subject to activities referred to in Article 2(1)(n) of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004, excluding packaging and labelling operations; (EC 1842/16)

III OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIC PRODUCTION

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3.1 Objectives of organic production

3.1.01	Establishing a sustainable agriculture management system that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - enables respect of natural systems and cycles, as well as maintenance and improvement of the health of soil, plants and animals and balance between them; - contributes to a high level of biodiversity; - uses energy and natural resources – water, soil, organic matter and air – responsibly; - adheres to a high standard of animal welfare; - produces high quality products
3.1.02	Production of different sorts of food and other agricultural products complied with consumers' demands and produced by application of organic methods not harmful to the environment as a whole and human health, including health of flora and fauna;

3.2 General principles of organic production

3.2.01	Managing natural and biological processes based on ecological systems, with utilisation of natural resources within those systems, with the help of methods based on: -use of living organisms and mechanical production procedures; -cultivation of plants in the soil; -prohibition on the use of GMOs and products produced from GMOs or by GMOs; -risk assessment and application of precautionary and preventive measures, as needed
3.2.02	Limitation of the use of raw materials from external sources; in cases when the use of raw materials from the external sources is required, those raw materials shall be limited to: -inputs from organic production -natural substances or naturally-derived substances; -low solubility mineral fertilizers
3.2.03	Strict limitation of the use of chemically synthesized inputs to the following exceptional cases: -when there are no appropriate management systems; -when raw materials from the external sources, referred to in 3.2.02, are not available on the market; or -when the use of raw materials from the external sources, referred to in 3.2.02, would lead to unacceptable environmental consequences
3.2.04	Adjustment of organic production rules, as needed and within EPOS framework, taking into account sanitary status, regional climate differences, level of development and specific breeding practice;

3.3 Specific principles of organic production

3.3.01	Maintenance and improvement of soil life and natural fertility of soil, physical, chemical and microbiological activities of soil, stability and biological diversity of soil that prevent and suppress soil compaction and erosion, as well as plant nutrition, primarily through soil ecosystem;
3.3.02	Minimization of the use of non-renewable resources and raw materials that do not come from the agricultural holdings
3.3.03	Recycling of waste and by-products of plant and animal origin as input in plant production;
3.3.04	Taking into account the local and regional ecological balance when making decisions on type and mode of production
3.3.05	Maintenance of plant health by preventive measures such as the selection of appropriate species and varieties resistant to pests and diseases, appropriate crop rotation, mechanical and physical methods and the protection of natural pest enemies;
3.3.06	Production of organic food from ingredients of agricultural origin produced by organic methods;
3.3.07	Restriction of the use of food additives, conventional ingredients with a predominantly technological and sensory function, and micronutrients and processing aids in the production process, so that they are used to the smallest extent possible and only in cases when this is necessary for technological reasons or certain nutritional purposes;
3.3.08	Exclusion of materials and processing operations that might lead to wrong conclusions about the true nature of the product;
3.3.09	Mindful food processing, with the application of biological, mechanical and physical methods;

3.4 Prohibition on the use of GMOs

3.4.01	GMO products, products produced from GMOs or products produced by GMOs shall not be used in organic production as: food and ingredients in processing, processing aids, plant production products, fertilizers, soil conditioners, seeds, vegetative propagating material and microorganisms in organic production;
3.4.02	For the purpose of prohibition, as stated in 3.4.01, an operator may rely on product label or any other document accompanying the product in accordance with the following laws in the Republic of Serbia: <i>Law on GMOs, Official Gazette RS 41/09</i> (see 2.1 and 3.4.05) and <i>Law on Food Safety, Official Gazette RS 41/09</i> (see 2.1);
3.4.03	An operator may assume that GMOs and products produced from GMOs have not been used in production of the purchased products if they are not labelled or accompanied by documentation, except if the operator has come into possession of information indicating that the labelling of those products is not in accordance with legal

	regulations referred to in 3.4.02 and 3.4.05;
3.4.04	When purchasing non-food products originating from conventional production, an operator shall require confirmation from the supplier that the products delivered have not been produced from GMOs nor by GMOs;
3.4.05	Pursuant to the <i>Law on GMOs, Official Gazette RS 41/09</i> , the Republic of Serbia shall be responsible for undertaking implementing and punitive measures that prohibit the production and marketing of GMOs and GMO products on the territory of the Republic of Serbia, including processes of production, distribution, packaging, transport and storage without proper approval.

3.5 Prohibition on the use of ionizing radiation in processing of organic products

3.5.01	Application of ionizing radiation for the treatment of organic food or ingredients used in organic food is prohibited;
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3.6 Prohibition of hydroponic cultivation of plants

3.6.01	Plant cultivation by hydroponic methods, with the plant root being placed in the mineral nutrient solution or in an inert medium such as perlite, sand or mineral wool to which the nutrient solution is added, is prohibited;
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4.1 General rules on the production on agricultural holdings

4.1.01	<p>(1) The entire agricultural holding shall be managed in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Standard;</p> <p>(2) Conventional production and organic production methods may be applied simultaneously on one agricultural holding, provided that the production units are physically divided into clearly separated units and that they comply with the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) different plant varieties that can easily be differentiated, shall be cultivated; (b) products used in organic production or derived from organic production shall be separated from products used in conventional production or derived from conventional production and separate records shall be kept for organic and conventional production;
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4.2 General rules on plant production

4.2.01	For the production of organic products other than propagating material, organically produced propagating material shall be used; Species and varieties adapted to local agro ecological conditions shall be used in organic production; When selecting varieties, priority shall be given to local varieties and varieties tolerant to diseases and pests;
4.2.02	Soil cultivation and cultivation of plants in organic plant production shall be carried out in such a way as to ensure preservation or increase of organic substance content in the soil, enhancement of stability, biodiversity and microbiological activity of soil and prevention of soil compaction and erosion;

4.2.03	Fertility and biological activity of the soil shall primarily be maintained and increased by crop rotation, by legumes growing, by green manure and by application of cattle manure or other organic fertilizer, preferably composted, from organic production;
4.2.04	Fertilizers and soil conditioners shall only be used when plants needs in terms of nutrition cannot be met by foreseen measures and if they have been authorized for application in organic production in accordance with 4.3; application of biodynamic preparations is allowed;
4.2.05	In organic plant production, mineral nitrogen fertilizers shall not be used;
4.2.06	Agro technical measures shall be applied in organic plant production in order to prevent or minimize pollution of the environment;
4.2.07	Protection against pests, diseases and weeds shall primarily be based on activities of natural enemies, selection of plants species and varieties, appropriate crop rotation, soil cultivation methods, use of thermal processes, use of allelopathy and establishment of protective buffer strips as well as other agro technical measures;
4.2.08	If application of measures from 4.2.07 does not provide adequate protection for plants, plant protection products shall be used, but only if they have been authorized for use in organic production in accordance with 4.3;
4.2.09	Propagating material (seed and/or vegetative propagating material) produced by organic production methods is the material: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) whose mother plant, i.e. parent plant has been cultivated by organic methods for at least one generation; b) in the case of perennial plants, this production shall include minimum 2 vegetation seasons;
4.2.10	Products for cleaning and disinfection in plant production shall only be used if they have been authorized for use in organic production in accordance with 4.3;
4.2.11	Collection of wild plants and parts of wild plants that grow naturally in untreated areas, forests and agricultural areas shall be considered an organic production method provided that the conditions set out in section 4.12 of this Standard have been fulfilled;

4.3 Specific rules on plant production

4.3.01	In organic plant production, only fertilizers and soil conditioners from the Annex 1 of this Standard, <i>The list of authorized fertilizers and soil conditioners</i> , shall be used.
4.3.02	The total amount of livestock manure used on a holding may not exceed 170 kg of nitrogen per year and per hectare of utilized agricultural land. This restriction shall apply only to livestock manure, dried manure, dehydrated poultry manure, composted animal excrements, including poultry manure, composted poultry manure and liquid animal excrements;

4.3.03	In order to redistribute the excess of animal manure from organic production, an operator applying organic production methods may conclude a written agreement only with other producer or organization that complies with organic production rules. The maximum permissible limit referred to in point 4.3.02 shall be calculated on the basis of all organic production units covered by such cooperation;
4.3.04	For the purpose of improvement of the overall soil condition or the availability of nutrients in soil or in crops, appropriate microbiological preparations and plant-based preparations for the activation of compost may be used, as well as biodynamic preparations;
4.3.05	In organic production, only the products listed in Annex 2 of this Standard, <i>The list of authorized plant protection products</i> , may be used as plant protection products during storage.
4.3.06	For products used in traps and dispensers, with the exception of pheromone dispensers, traps and/or dispensers shall prevent discharge of substance into the environment and shall prevent contact between the substance and the crop being processed. After use, traps shall be collected and disposed off in a safe manner.
4.3.07	For cleaning and disinfection of agricultural machinery and equipment, water and substances authorized for use in the food industry shall be used;
4.3.08	For each production unit, the operator shall keep documentary evidence of the surface area of the production unit, type, quantity and date of application of the plant nutrition product and soil conditioner, including the documentary evidence of the need to use the products;
4.3.09	For each production unit, the operator shall keep documentary evidence of measures undertaken in order to combat pests, diseases and weeds, indicating the application time and the applied product, including documentary evidence of the need to use the product;

4.3.10	The operator shall keep documentary evidence of application of disinfectants on machinery and equipment that shall include place, type, amount and date of application of cleaning and disinfection products;
4.4 Transition to organic production (conversion)	
4.4.01	The agricultural land on which organic production is going to take place shall enter the conversion period on the day when the operator has submitted the said agricultural land to the control system of EV, i.e. on the day when contract has been signed;
4.4.02	For the duration of the conversion period, organic plant production methods specified in EPOS shall be applied;
4.4.03	In order to determine the conversion period, a period immediately preceding the date of the start of the conversion period may also be taken into consideration if certain conditions have been fulfilled (see 4.5.01)
4.4.04	The length of conversion period shall be determined based on plant species;
4.4.05	The duration of the conversion period in organic plant production shall depend on the time when sowing, i.e. harvesting was done and it shall total: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) in the case of annual crops at least 2 years before sowing; b) in the case of grassland or perennial forage at least 2 years before its use as cattle feed c) in the case of perennial crops other than forage at least 3 years before the harvest of organic products
4.5 Extension and reduction of the conversion period	
4.5.01	The decision on the extension i.e. reduction of the conversion period shall be made by EV, based on risk analysis of the previous use of the land parcel concerned from the aspect of principles and requirements of this Standard, conversion rules, general conditions of the ecosystem in which agricultural production shall take place and operator's knowledge of organic production methods;
4.5.02	The conversion period may be reduced or extended as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Conversion period may be reduced by taking into account the period immediately preceding the conversion period, provided that the land parcels have been: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) subject of measures established by environmental protection programs, if such measures guarantee that products unauthorized for organic production have not been used; b) a part of natural or agricultural area that has not been treated with products unauthorized for organic production during the previous period of at least 3 years, and if there is evidence for that; II. Conversion period may be extended beyond the period referred to in 4.4.05, in case the soil had been contaminated with products unauthorized for organic production; III. Conversion period may be reduced in case of parcels which have already been converted to or were in the process of conversion and which are treated with a product unauthorized for organic production provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) such measures were a part of compulsory measures for disease or pests control conducted by the competent authority of the Republic of Serbia; b) such measures were a part of scientific tests approved by the competent authority;
4.5.03	The point 4.5.02 (III) shall apply taking into account that at the end of the conversion period an insignificant level of residues in the soil, i.e. in plant itself in case of perennial crops, shall be guaranteed and that the harvested/processed product shall not be sold with reference to organic production methods;
4.5.04	In the Annex of this Standard, there is a form <i>Application for the reduction of the conversion period</i> , which the operator shall submit to EV together with the documentary information specified in 4.5.05;
4.5.05	In the case where EV needs to make a decision on reduction of the conversion period retroactively (4.5.02, I), decision-making process shall imply review and verification of the following general information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) certificate of inclusion into the national program with the description of specific production measures that the operator is obliged to apply, indicating the date of inclusion into the national program, production methods, control measures and entities that control, within the program, the operator i.e. the production that is the subject of the national program; (b) in case of transfer of operator into EV, the control file of the original authorized certification body proving that the operator is in the organic control system according to the national standard for organic production and confirming the type and scope of production and application of products authorized for production of organic products and organic methods specified in the EPOS in the previous period of 2, i.e. 3 years; (c) good knowledge of principles and methods of organic production; (d) documentary evidence of the date of the last application of the prohibited technical products; (e) production records and data showing the inputs of technical products and achieved production volume and that the production was performed with application of organic principles and methods from the date of inclusion into the national program, or in case referred to in 4.5.02, I (b) for the period of the previous 3

	<p>years;</p> <p>(f) evidence (invoices, declarations, certificates) on the origin of propagating material (organic, and in case of conventional untreated material also a proof that the organic propagating material was not available on the market at the time of application), including a declaration of non-GMO origin of propagating material from the date of inclusion into the national program, i.e. in the case referred to in 4.5.02, I (b) for the period of the previous 3 years;</p> <p>(g) laboratory results on pesticide residues in soil and/or plant material showing that products prohibited for organic production were not used, i.e. that forbidden pesticide residues above the allowed level were not detected; EV shall carry out sampling of the soil and plant material that is subject to a retroactive reduction of the conversion period; if the data referred to in (b) are complete, unambiguous and in accordance with EPOS requirements, sampling and testing shall not be done;</p> <p>(h) agricultural production is carried out by extensive methods or in an ecosystem dominated by forests, natural meadows and pastures, with developed biodiversity and in the absence of pollution sources (industries, intensive agricultural production, highways, landfills, mines, airports);</p>
4.5.06	The documentary evidence shall be complete, unambiguous, valid and satisfactory and related to the previous period of the parcels concerned; in each individual case EV shall review the fulfillment of the general conditions before making an opinion;
4.5.07	The retroactive reduction of the conversion period shall include the annual cycle, i.e. a period of 12/24/36 months; after review and verification of submitted evidence and performed control EV may decide to reject the retroactive reduction of the conversion period, if the conditions for a retroactive reduction of the conversion period have not been met;
4.5.08	<p>EV shall extend the conversion period referred to in 4.5.02 (II), if the events have been confirmed which include but are not limited to the following:</p> <p>a) the land parcel has been exposed to an ecological incident (floods, toxic substances leakage and similar);</p> <p>b) proximity of large pollutants has been established by control, or production unit borders are not appropriate from the aspect of danger from drift of prohibited pesticides, compost and soil cultivators;</p> <p>c) the agricultural land in question had been used for other purposes before the inclusion (not for crop and food production);</p> <p>EV shall decide on the extension of the conversion period in case referred to in 4.5.02 (II) when:</p> <p>a) the operator included in the organic control according to the national organic production standard has used, before the transfer to the EPOS scheme, a product prohibited for organic production or production methods are not in conformity with this Standard;</p> <p>b) the operator has used prohibited fertilizers, soil conditioners, pesticides, unauthorized propagating material and/or GMO materials in organic production from the date of land parcel inclusion into EV control system, until the date of control;</p>
4.5.09	EV shall reduce the conversion period referred to in 4.5.02 (III), which may be shorter or longer than 12 months for a given plant species, in accordance with the requirement referred to in 4.5.03; at the end of the conversion period and prior to giving opinion on the status of the agricultural unit, sampling and testing of the soil/plant material shall be carried out in order to verify that the harmful substance has been decomposed to an acceptable level; if the harmful substance has not been decomposed to an acceptable level, the conversion period shall be extended until it has been verified that the harmful substance in the plant material has been decomposed to an acceptable level, i.e. that it is equal to or below 0,01 mg/kg;

4.6 Flexibility in application of organic production methods

4.6.01	<p>In application of organic plant production methods the exceptions shall be possible in the following cases:</p> <p>a) when they are necessary to ensure the initiation or maintenance of organic production on holdings exposed to climatic, geographical and structural limitations;</p> <p>b) if the propagating material produced by organic methods complying with the EPOS requirements is not available on the market of the Republic of Serbia;</p> <p>EV shall keep the exceptions from the production rules set forth in this Standard to a minimum, as needed, and shall limit them in time.</p>
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4.7 Parallel production

4.7.01	<p>If the conditions specified in 4.6.01 (a) have been met, the operator may manage the organic and conventional production units on one agricultural holding:</p> <p>l) In the case of the production of perennial plants that require a cultivation period of at least 3 years, varieties that cannot be easily differentiated may be cultivated if:</p> <p>(a) the production in question constitutes an integral part of the conversion plan to which operator has strictly been obliged and which allows for the beginning of the transition of the last part of the area concerned to organic production in the shortest possible period, which may not in any</p>
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	<p>case be longer than 5 years;</p> <p>(b) appropriate measures have been taken to ensure the continued separation of products obtained from each unit concerned;</p> <p>(c) the operator notifies EV about the harvesting of each of the products in question at least 48 hours in advance;</p> <p>(d) upon the completion of the harvest, the operator notifies EV of the exact quantities harvested on the units concerned and of the applied product separation measures;</p> <p>(e) the conversion plan has been approved by EV, provided that the approval is being confirmed every year after the beginning of the conversion plan;</p> <p>II) In the case of agricultural areas used for the purpose of research or education, as well as in the case of the production of propagating material, provided that the conditions set out in I) (b), (c), (d), (e) have been fulfilled;</p> <p>III) In the case of natural meadows and pastures exclusively used for grazing;</p>
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4.8 Conditions for the use of propagating plant material from conventional production

4.8.01	<p>If the conditions specified in 4.6.01 (b) have been met:</p> <p>(a) seeds and vegetative propagating material originating from the in-conversion production unit may be used;</p> <p>(b) if point (a) is not applicable, the use of conventional seeds or vegetative propagating material may be authorized if they are not available on the organic market of the Republic of Serbia;</p>
4.8.02	<p>Conventional propagating material, seed and seed of potatoes may be used provided that they are not treated with plant protection products other than those authorized for the treatment of seeds (see 4.3.05);</p>
4.8.03	<p>In order to meet the requirements specified in 4.8.01 and 4.8.02, the operator shall seek approval from EV. EV shall authorize the use of such propagating material in the following cases:</p> <p>(a) if the variety of plant species that the operator wants to obtain is not registered in the Database of propagating material referred to in point 4.10;</p> <p>(b) if the operator has ordered propagating material on time, and no supplier, i.e. producer who sells propagating material to other operators, is able to deliver the propagating material before sowing or planting; in this case it shall be considered that there is no propagating material from the organic production on the market of the Republic of Serbia;</p> <p>(c) if the variety the operator wishes to obtain is not registered in the Database of propagating material referred to in point 4.10, and the producer can prove that none of the registered varieties of the same species is appropriate and that the use of this variety is significant for production;</p> <p>(d) if the use of this material is justified for carrying out scientific and research trials;</p> <p>(e) if it is an autochthonous variety;</p>
4.8.04	<p>If the conditions specified in 4.8.02 and 4.8.03 have been met, EV shall issue an authorization for the use of such propagating material before sowing of the crop;</p>
4.8.05	<p>The operator shall obtain the approval from EV before sowing, by submitting the <i>Application for derogation</i> (Annex 10 of this Standard), and shall also provide the proof of purchase, a non-GMO declaration, invoices and declarations from the supplier confirming that the conditions from 4.8.02 and 4.8.03 have been met;</p>
4.8.06	<p>The approval shall be issued to the operator per parcels and for one season, and EV shall keep records of the authorized quantities of propagating material;</p>
4.8.07	<p>Approval shall be issued only during the period for which the Database of propagating material is updated;</p>
4.8.08	<p>Species, for which the sufficient quantities of organic propagating material, for a large number of varieties, are available, shall be included in Annex 9. The species listed in Annex 9 shall not be subject to approval according to 4.8.03 (b), except where this is justified by one of the reasons specified in 4.8.03 (d);</p>
4.8.09	<p>If the phytosanitary control authority of the Republic of Serbia requires the treatment with pesticides prohibited in organic production in order to prevent the occurrence of quarantine pests, EV shall authorize the use of such conventional propagating material, but the requirement referred to in 4.5.09 shall apply;</p>
4.8.10	<p>The operator whose perennial crop is in conversion or has the organic status shall be allowed to use its own seedlings/cuttings if sporadic loss of plants has occurred, provided that the requested variety is not registered in the Database of propagating material, that it is an autochthonous variety and that the available organic plant species registered in the Database of propagating material are not adaptable to the given agro ecological conditions (see 4.6.1 (a));</p>

4.9 Specific rules for the production and use of seeds and vegetative propagating material

4.9.01	Propagating material for plant production shall be produced according to and in conformity with the laws of the Republic of Serbia that regulate the production of propagating plant material with the application of organic methods;
4.9.02	The availability of propagating material from 4.9.01 shall be determined based on a Database of propagating material managed by EV, as well as based on a database managed by the <i>Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management</i> of the Republic of <i>Serbia</i> ;

4.10 Database of propagating material from organic production

4.10.01	The Database of propagating material shall be managed and updated by EV; any variety not registered in the Database of propagating material or in the database maintained by the <i>Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management</i> of the Republic of <i>Serbia</i> , shall be considered unavailable;
4.10.02	Varieties for which propagating material is available, including those from organic production listed in Annex 9, shall be registered in the database;
4.10.03	The Database of propagating material shall be updated quarterly and following each request of the supplier;
4.10.04	In addition to the notification, the supplier of organic propagating material shall also submit the following: (1) a certificate of conformity confirming that the seed or seed potatoes have been produced by organic production methods in accordance with EPOS requirements; (2) evidence that seed or seed potatoes to be placed on the market meet general requirements of the regulations governing the recognition of varieties, i.e. production and marketing of propagating material (3) the data specified in 4.10.05; (4) a signed statement on the warranty of timely notification in case they no longer have the propagating material for that plant species and variety; If the conditions have been fulfilled, the propagating material shall be registered in the Database of propagating material;
4.10.05	For each registered variety and for each supplier, the Database of propagating material shall contain at least the following information: (a) scientific name of the species and variety; (b) the name and contact details of the supplier or its representative; (c) the area where the supplier can deliver seed or seed potatoes to the user in the regular time required for delivery; (d) the name of the country in which the variety is tested and approved; (e) the date from which the seed or seed potatoes will be available; (f) the name and code number of the control body responsible for the control of the supplier of propagating material
4.10.06	The Database of propagating material shall be available on the web site www.ecovivendi.rs to the users of the propagating material as well as to the public.
4.10.07	The supplier shall inform EV if the propagating material is no longer available;
4.10.08	EV shall not charge fees for the activities of entering and maintaining information in the Database of propagating material;

4.11 Specific rules on mushroom production

4.11.01	For the production of mushrooms, substrates may be used if they are composted solely of the following constituents: 1) farmyard manure and animal excrements: (a) either from a holding applying organic production methods; (b) or according to Annex 1 only if (a) is not available and if they do not exceed 25% of the weight of total constituents of the substrate before composting, excluding cover material and added water; 2) products of agricultural origin, other than those referred to in (1), from holdings applying organic production methods: 3) peat, not chemically treated; 4) wood, not treated with chemicals after felling; 5) mineral products from Annex 1, water and soil
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4.12 Specific rules on collection of wild species in natural habitats

4.12.01	The collection areas that in the period of at least 3 years prior to collection have not been treated with any products other than those authorized for use in organic production in accordance with 4.3;
4.12.02	The collection process may be performed if:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the collection does not affect the stability of the natural habitat or maintenance of species in the collection zone; (b) buffer strips have been established along roads or other sources of pollution in order to protect against contamination; (c) collection is carried out in accordance with the regulations governing the protection of rare, endangered and endemic wild species;
4.12.03	<p>The collection of wild species shall be carried out by techniques and at a time that allow for the sustainability of the collection area and of the species being collected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - collection shall be done manually with the possible use of the cutting tool (for separating the flower; the root) - collection shall apply to plant parts in optimal growth (flowers - in full-flowering period, fruits - in full maturity stage, leaves/trees - intense growth before flowering etc.) - a sufficient number of units/crops to maintain the species shall always be left on the site; - the collector shall pass training on rules on collection; <p>The collector should be supervised by the organizer of the collection.</p>

V PROCESSING, IMPORT AND EXPORT OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS

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5.1 General rules on the production of processed food of organic origin

5.1.01	Production of processed organic food shall be kept separate in space and time from all other technological procedures including storage of ingredients and their preparation;
5.1.02	<p>In the production of food from ingredients produced by organic production methods, the following rules shall apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The food shall be produced predominantly from ingredients of agricultural origin, with added water and salt not being taken into account; (b) Only the authorized additives, processing aids, flavourings and preparations from natural flavourings, water, salt, preparations of microorganisms and enzymes, minerals, trace elements, vitamins, amino acids and other micro-nutrients may be used, listed in the Annex 3 – <i>The list of authorized substances in the production of processed organic food and cleaning products for equipment, storage facilities and transport vehicles</i> (c) Agricultural ingredients not produced by the organic production methods may be used only if authorized and listed in Annex 4 – <i>The list of authorized conventional agricultural ingredients in processing of organic food</i>; (d) The food shall contain only organic ingredients; those organic ingredients shall not be contained in the product together with the same ingredient in conventional form or an ingredient in conversion; (e) Food produced from in-conversion ingredients shall contain only one ingredient of agricultural origin;
5.1.03	<p>In order to determine whether the product mainly consists of ingredients of agricultural origin, regarding the fulfilment of the requirements referred to in 7.1.05 and 7.1.06:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Food additives listed in the Annex 3 of this Standard marked with an asterisk shall be considered as ingredients of agricultural origin; b) Substances like flavourings and preparations from natural flavourings, water, salt, preparations of microorganisms and enzymes, minerals, trace elements, vitamins as well as amino acids and other micro-nutrients including colours listed in the Annex 3; c) Yeasts shall be calculated as ingredients of agricultural origin;
5.1.04	In order to meet the requirements referred to in 5.1.02, EV shall decide on approval of the ingredients listed in Annex 3 and Annex 4 (see Chapter VIII);
5.1.05	Substances and procedures that restore properties that are lost in processing and storage of the food, that eliminate the consequences of negligence or that may be misleading about the nature of these products shall not be used during the processing procedure;

5.2 Specific rules on the production of processed food of organic origin

5.2.01	Operators handling the product in post-harvest activities and/or applying processing procedures shall establish and update the procedure based on identification of critical processing stages in order to guarantee at all times that the products comply with organic production rules;
5.2.02	Operators shall establish and apply procedure from 5.2.01 and shall especially: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Take precautionary measures in order to avoid the risk of contamination by unauthorized materials or products; (b) Implement appropriate cleaning measures, track their efficiency and keep records of these measures; (c) Ensure that conventional products are not placed on the market with the label referring to organic production method;
5.2.03	In the case where conventional products are prepared or stored at the same production unit, the operator shall apply the following measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Carry out operations uninterruptedly until the whole lot has been processed, separate in time and space from similar operations carried out on conventional products; (b) Store the organic products separate in space and time from products from conventional production before and after the operations; (c) inform EV about activities referred to in (a) and (b) of this article, record data on all procedures and processed quantities that will be available to EV; (d) take necessary measures to ensure the identification of lots and prevent mixing or replacement with conventional products; (e) carry out post-harvest handling and/or processing of organic products only after proper cleaning of the production equipment;
5.2.04	Ingredients, additives and processing aids used for production of food by organic production methods, including processing methods, such as smoking, shall comply with the principles of good manufacturing practice (see chapter II on the interpretation of good manufacturing practice);
5.2.05	Following the instructions of EV, the operator shall record the products and methods used for cleaning the technological lines (origin, supplier, date of application, type and name, amount of applied cleaning and disinfection products);
5.2.06	Where water is incorporated into an organic product, the operator shall control the quality of drinking water at least once a year (see 5.2.01);

5.3 General and specific rules on the production of yeast used as a food

5.3.01	Only organically produced substrates shall be used for the production of organic yeast. Other products and substances may be used with EV's approval and only if included in Annex 3;
5.3.02	Organic yeast shall not be present in the organic food along with conventional yeast;
5.3.03	In case the operator is unable to obtain yeast extract or autolysate by organic methods, a maximum of 5% of the extract of conventional yeast or autolysate may be added to the substrate (calculated as dry matter).

5.4 Import of organic products into the RS

5.4.01	The requirements set out in this section shall apply to any operator involved in the EPOS certification scheme that imports organic products as the importer and/or the first consignee, for its own account (for own production or further sale) or for the account of another entity;
5.4.02	Organic products imported into the Republic of Serbia shall be in appropriate packaging or containers, closed in a manner that prevents substitution of the content, with identification of the exporter and with the certificate of conformity. The packaging of the organic product shall contain the code number of the authorized CB and other marks and numbers used to identify the lot, including the text indicating the origin of agricultural raw materials referred to in 7.2.02;
5.4.03	The operator shall have evidence of customs inspection of the imported consignment, as well as a licence for the release of products for circulation on the territory of the Republic of Serbia;
5.4.04	In accordance with 1.4.01 of this Standard, EV shall consider organic products from imports as complied with EPOS if they have been imported from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) EU Member States including countries belonging to the EEA or EFTA and certified by an authorized CB included in the EC official list; (b) The states included in the EU third country list and certified by the CB included in the official EC list of recognized CBs; (c) Non-EU countries certified by a CB included in the official EC list of recognized CBs for equivalence purposes;

5.4.05	<p>The operator shall provide an appropriate documentary evidence of the origin of certified imported organic products from the exporter, depending on the country from which the organic product has been imported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A written proof for the product imported from an EU Member State including countries belonging to the EEA or EFTA, pursuant to Article 29 EC 834/07; (b) A written proof for the product imported from the country included in the third country list, pursuant to Article 32 EC 834/07; (c) A certificate of inspection for a product imported from a non-EU country pursuant to Article 33 EC 834/07 for each consignment; <p>The operator shall keep these records for at least 2 years.</p>
5.4.06	<p>Upon receipt of the imported organic product, the first consignee shall check the closing of the packaging or container and whether documentary evidence/certificate of inspection, including other documentation related to the purchase, covers the type of product contained in the consignment; the first consignee shall keep the results of this verification.</p>
5.4.07	<p>If the operator-importer has the facilities that he intends to use for the storage of imported organic products and their handling (processing, repackaging, labelling etc.), the operator-importer shall comply with the applicable requirements referred to in 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3;</p>
5.4.08	<p>An operator is obliged to notify EV without delay about any organic product consignment imported into the Republic of Serbia;</p>

5.5 Export of organic products to the EU

5.5.01	<p>The requirements set out in this section shall apply to any operator involved in the EPOS certification scheme that exports organic products to the EU as an exporter;</p>
5.5.02	<p>Only the organic product that meets the following requirements may be exported to the EU:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the product has been produced in accordance with the production rules specified in this Standard; (b) the operator has been subject to the control measures specified this Standard; (c) the operator has submitted its activities to the control by EV in all stages of production, processing and distribution of organic products, including the process of packaging, labelling, transport, storage, trading, import and export; (d) operator has a certificate of inspection, issued by EV, which confirms that the organic product meets the requirements of the EPOS certification scheme;
5.5.03	<p>The organic product intended for export into the EU shall be in appropriate packaging or containers, closed in a manner preventing substitution of the content, accompanied with the identification of the exporter and any other marks and numbers used to identify the lot; the organic product packaging shall contain the logo and code number of EV, EU organic logo and other marks and numbers used to identify the lot, including the text indicating the origin of agricultural raw materials referred to in 7.2.02;</p>
5.5.04	<p>Each consignment (see 2.1) of the organic product exported to the EU shall be accompanied by a certificate of inspection;</p>
5.5.05	<p>An operator is obliged to notify its intention to EV before export realization;</p>
5.5.06	<p>If the operator-exporter has the facilities that he intends to use for storage and handling of the organic product that is a subject of export to the EU, the operator-exporter shall comply with the applicable requirements referred to in 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3;</p>

VI HARVESTING, PACKAGING, STORAGE AND TRANSPORT OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS

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6.1 Harvesting/collection and transport to the production unit

6.1.01	<p>Operators may perform simultaneous harvesting/collection of organic and conventional products only if adequate measures of precaution have been taken to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) prevent any possibility of mixing or substitution with conventional products, i.e. products from conversion; (b) ensure identification of the organic products;
6.1.02	<p>Operators shall keep records about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) harvest and collection (date, parcel, plant species and variety, the amount of organic products or in-conversion products) if the requirements from 4.7.01 of this Standard apply;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) collection of wild species referred to in 4.12.03 of this Standard; c) date of reception of the products in the production unit;
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6.2 Packaging and transport

6.2.01	Organic products shall be packaged in the packaging material that is appropriate to the nature of the product and that shall not additionally contaminate the organic product with the materials unauthorized for use in the organic production;
6.2.02	The packaging material for the organic product shall be stored physically separated from the fertilizers, plant protection products and cleaning products used in organic production and products not produced by organic methods;
6.2.03	<p>The organic products shall be transported to other facilities, including wholesalers and/or retailers, in the appropriate packaging, containers or vehicles closed in such manner that the content cannot be substituted without removing or damaging the seal, and accompanied by the label stating, without prejudice to indications on the organic product:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) name and address of the producer's headquarters, as well as name of the owner or the seller, if these persons are different; (b) name of the product, namely food, with the indication that the product has been made by organic methods; (c) code number of CB; (d) if necessary, the lot identification mark such that it allows associating of the lot with the certificate of conformity referring to the organic product concerned and/or with documentation referring to the purchase and sale of organic product concerned;
6.2.04	The data referred to in 6.2.03 (a) to (d) may as well be specified in the accompanying documents, if such documents can be associated with the packaging, container or the transport vehicle of the organic product. The accompanying document shall contain the information about the supplier and/or the transporter;
6.2.05	<p>The closing of packaging, containers or vehicles shall not be obligatory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) if the transport is performed between the operators included in the organic control system; (b) if the products are accompanied by the document that provides information from 6.2.03 and 6.2.04; (c) if the supplier and the recipient keep written records on such transport, available for ECOVIVENDI;
6.2.06	Upon reception of the organic product, the operator shall check the closing of the packaging or the container in which the product is, as well as the existence of the indications with information from 6.2.03 and 6.2.04;
6.2.07	Operators shall crosscheck the information on the label from 6.2.03 and 6.2.04 with the information on the accompanying documents and shall keep records on that.
6.2.08	Operator that imports organic products shall meet the requirements relating to consignment checking and the documentation mentioned in 5.4 as well as the organic product labelling mentioned in 7.1 and 7.2 of this Standard;

6.3 Storage

6.3.01	<p>If there are other agricultural products stored in storage facilities together with the organic products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the organic products shall be kept separate from other agricultural products, i.e. food; (b) necessary measures shall be taken that ensure the identification of the organic products consignment and prevent mixing or substitution with the products from conventional production and/or substances that are not in compliance with this Standard; (c) appropriate cleaning measures, whose efficiency has been checked before the storage of the organic products, have been taken; (d) the operator shall record the actions taken;
6.3.02	If the organic products have been packaged and labelled, they may be kept in the same area of the storage facility along with the products from conventional production, in the separate part that has been marked; the organic products shall not be stored in the same area where fertilizers, soil conditioners, pesticides and cleaning products are stored;
6.3.03	During the storage, the operators shall ensure that the organic products are being clearly identifiable at any time; substances prohibited for the organic production shall not be stored in the production unit included in the organic production;

6.4 Cleaning of the harvesting/collection equipment, storage facilities and transport vehicles

6.4.01	If the harvesting/collection equipment is used both for conventional and organic products, it shall be cleaned and washed prior to being used in the organic production, on which the records shall be kept;
6.4.02	The storage and loading space of the transport vehicle shall be cleaned and washed, on which the records shall be kept;
6.4.03	Operators may use the cleaning products authorized for the general use in the food industry in the Republic of

	Serbia, with obligatory rinsing with water.
6.4.04	Operators shall keep records on time and place of cleaning and washing, methods applied, products used and rinsing.

6.5 Control of pests in storage facilities

6.5.01	Operators shall use preventive measures in order to prevent the infestation of the object and of the stored organic products, ingredients and processing aids used in organic production, such as: - cleaning and washing; - proper waste management; - preventing the pests from entering the object; - the use of mechanical barriers, sound and light repellents, including the use of device “insektron”;
6.5.02	When the measures referred to in 6.5.01 are not effective enough, during the storage of products operators may use the substances for control of pests and diseases listed in the Annex 2 and substances used in traps;
6.5.03	Products may be frozen, cooled, heated or kept in a vacuum as well as in the conditions of the controlled atmosphere with the use of carbon dioxide and nitrogen; these procedures may also be used in packaging; ozone and CO ₂ (gas) fumigation are allowed; other forms of fumigation are prohibited;
6.5.04	Operators shall keep records on measures applied, including records on monitoring

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7.1 The use of terms relating to organic products

7.1.01	The product and its advertising material, accompanying documentation and labels shall bear terms or abbreviations which indicate the origin of the organic product, such as e.g. ecological, organic, biological or their abbreviations “eco“, “org“, “bio“, as well as the private label of the operator, which suggests to the purchaser that the product or its ingredients have been produced in accordance with requirements of organic production, i.e. EPOS;
7.1.02	The terms referred to in 7.1.01 shall not be used for the products for which it has to be indicated in the label that they contain GMOs, consist of GMOs, or are produced from GMOs;
7.1.03	Operators shall not use the terms referred to in 7.1.01 for commercial documents, labelling and advertising of a product unless the product meets the requirements set forth in this Standard; furthermore, the operator shall not use any terms, including terms used in trademarks, or labelling and advertising practices, that may mislead the consumer by suggesting that the product or its ingredients meet the requirements established by EPOS;
7.1.04	The terms referred to in 7.1.01 may be used for labelling and advertising of an unprocessed agricultural product only if all of its ingredients have been produced in compliance with the requirements established by EPOS;
7.1.05	The terms referred to in 7.1.01 may be used for labelling of processed food: (1) In the sales descriptions, on condition that: (a) the processed food complies with the requirements specified in chapter V, and (b) at least 95% by weight, of its ingredients of agricultural origin are organic; (2) only in the list of ingredients, provided that the food complies with 5.1.01 and 5.1.02 (a), (b) and (d); (3) in the list of ingredients and in the same visual field as the sales description of the product, provided that (a) the main ingredient is a product of hunting or fishing (b) it contains other ingredients of agricultural origin which are all organic and (c) the food complies with 5.1.01 and 5.1.02 (a),(b) and (d); Organic ingredients shall be indicated in the list of ingredients;
7.1.06	If the cases specified in 7.1.05 (2) and (3) are applicable, operator may use the terms referred to in 7.1.01 only in connection with the ingredients of the agricultural origin that have been produced organically, and the list of the ingredients shall indicate the total percentage of the organic ingredients in proportion to the total quantity of the ingredients of agricultural origin; The terms and percentage shall be printed in the same font colour, size and style as other indications in the list of ingredients;

7.2 The use of EU organic logo

7.2.01	Where operators use the terms referred to in 7.1.01, they shall also use the following marks for visual labelling of packaged organic products: (a) logo and code number of EV and (b) EU logo for organic products;
7.2.02	The place where the agricultural raw materials contained in the product have been farmed shall also appear on packaged products, in the same visual field with the EU organic logo; the following forms are possible: - “EU Agriculture“ where the agricultural raw material has been farmed in the EU; - “non-EU Agriculture“ where the agricultural raw material has been produced outside the EU; - “EU/non-EU Agriculture “ where part of the agricultural raw material has been farmed in the EU and part of it outside of the EU; If the organic product consist of agricultural raw materials that have all been farmed in one country, the indication may be supplemented or replaced by the name of the country; EV logo and code number shall appear in the same visual field;
7.2.03	For agricultural raw materials whose total quantity does not exceed 2% of the total quantity by weight of agricultural raw materials, the indication of origin may be disregarded. Font colour, size and style of indication of origin shall not be more prominent than the sales description of the product.
7.2.04	The code number of the authorized CB shall consist of the following parts, in the order of appearance: - Acronym identifying the member state or the third country, according to the international standard for country codes under ISO 3166; - The term suggesting the organic production - Reference number
7.2.05	The EU organic logo, the general format of the code number and the EV logo are given in Annex 6 and Annex 7 of this Standard;
7.2.06	All indications related to labelling of organic products shall be marked in a visible place in such manner as to be easily legible, visible and indelible; private logo may be used in labelling and advertising along with the EU organic logo.
7.2.07	The organic product labels shall not be used for labelling: (a) In-conversion products; (b) Products where less than 95% of their agricultural ingredients (by weight) are organic; (c) Processed food whose main ingredient is a product of hunting or fishing, combined with organic ingredients of agricultural origin; (d) Organic products not included in the subject and scope of this Private standard, in particular: animals, aquaculture products, organic grape wine, textile, animal food and pet food

7.3 Authorization for using the mark of conformity for product labelling by the operator

7.3.01	For the needs of organic products labelling and for the needs of advertising and web presentations in compliance with the requirements of this Standard, operators shall seek the EV’s authorization for labelling of the organic products by submitting the form given in Annex 12 along with the decision proposals (size of the mark, where it shall appear on the packaging, list of ingredients);
7.3.02	Text that is an integral part of the mandatory labelling (list of ingredients and references to raw material origin) as well as other text referring to organic production (ecological, biological or similar) that shall appear on individual and/or collective packaging, shall be written in English in case of export;
7.3.03	If operators wish to write a labelling in a foreign language not used in the EU, they shall submit a translation in which the original text in Serbian/English is shown in parallel with the translation into the desired language;

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8.1 Obligations of ECOVIVENDI doo

8.1.01	<p>EV shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) perform the control based on the documented procedure; (b) have the expertise, equipment and infrastructure required for performance of control and certification; (c) employ and engage a sufficient number of competent, qualified and experienced staff to carry out control and certification; (d) possess and implement documented procedures for annual risk analysis, planning and sampling based on risk analysis, including test results, exchange information with other control bodies and competent authorities, implement introductory and supervisory controls of operators, identify irregularities and introduce sanctions to operators where applicable and manage data in a confidential manner; <p>the proof of which is the accreditation pursuant to the requirements of SRPS EN ISO/IEC 17065:2016 for the certification of organic products within subject and scope specified in 1.3.01 of this Standard;</p>
8.1.02	EV shall establish a control system to be applied at all stages of production, processing and distribution of organic products, including processes of packaging, repackaging, labelling, relabelling, transport, storage, import into the Republic of Serbia and export to the EU;
8.1.03	EV shall establish a standard control procedure applicable to all operators, containing a detailed description of control measures, precautionary measures and sanctions to be applied when the requirements set forth in this Standard have not been met;
8.1.04	EV shall subject each operator to a physical inspection at least once a year, through random control visits, if necessary unannounced;
8.1.05	EV shall carry out the risk analysis of each operator and the results of the analysis shall represent the input elements in planning the types and frequency of inspections for each operator; the production unit/product may be subject to several inspections during the calendar year; the risk analysis shall take into account the results of previous inspections, the quantity of the products concerned, the risk for exchange of products, and other factors estimated as risky by EV;
8.1.06	During the control, EV may take samples in order to check for the presence of products not authorized for organic production, to verify the application of organic production methods or to detect possible contamination by products not authorized for organic production;
8.1.07	EV shall impose sanctions on operators who fail to comply with the requirements set forth in this Standard; to this end a list of sanctions has been drawn up;
8.1.08	EV shall impose the necessary measures and sanctions in order to prevent further use of references to organic production in the labelling and advertising of the entire compromised lot or a specified production lot not produced according to the EPOS rules;
8.1.08	Any operator who pays the control expenses is entitled to be subject to the control system;
8.1.09	EV shall make a written report after each completed inspection that shall be signed by the operator and the controller.
8.1.10	Based on the report on completed control and on condition that the operator meets the requirements specified in the EPOS certification scheme, EV shall issue a certificate of conformity verifying that the product or process of production complies with this Standard;
8.1.11	<p>Among other information, the certificate of conformity shall contain the following mandatory data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) certificate number; 2) name and address, i.e. name and headquarters of the operator and the activity he performs ; 3) name, headquarters and code number of EV; 4) type of product; 5) type of production; 6) validity period; 7) date of control;

	8) date and place of issuance, as well as stamp and signature of authorized person; EV shall also issue an annex to the certificate of conformity where it is necessary to confirm the specific characteristics of the production method used;
8.1.12	For the needs of export to the EU, EV shall issue a certificate of inspection for each export consignment, provided that the requirements set out in 8.1.10 and 5.5 of this Standard have been met and after verification of the data and documentation referred to in 8.10.02; if a processed or unprocessed product is exported, the operator shall provide a relevant document confirming the use of organic methods in the production of the lot being exported;

8.2 Obligations of EV concerning maintenance and exchange of data

8.2.01	EV shall communicate the results of the performed controls to the European Commission on a regular basis and whenever so requested by the European Commission;
8.2.02	EV shall allow access to its premises and provide all information and assistance considered necessary by the European Commission for the fulfilment of the obligations of EV;
8.2.03	EV shall, within foreseen deadline, submit to the European Commission a list of operators that were subject to its controls as well as a report on the controls carried out in the previous calendar year;
8.2.04	EV shall keep a list of operators that are subject to the control according to EPOS certification scheme; the list shall contain operator's name and address, certification status, product category and certified products and shall be made available to the interested parties;
8.2.05	Where an irregularity affecting the organic status of the product is found, EV shall immediately communicate this information to another directly concerned authorized control body, to the competent authority and, where appropriate, inform the European Commission;
8.2.07	EV shall, on its own initiative or upon a request of another control body, control authority and/or competent authority of the Republic of Serbia, exchange data when it is necessary in order to guarantee that a product has been produced in compliance with this Standard;
8.2.07	(a) Where the control of the operator and his subcontractors is performed by both EV and another authorized control body, EV shall exchange appropriate information on the results of the control; (b) If the operator and/or his subcontractor change the control body, EV shall immediately notify the European Commission; (c) In the case of a transfer, the original control body shall submit the control documentation of the operator concerned to the subsequent control body, including the information specified in 8.4.03 and 8.4.04; (d) EV shall accept the irregularities identified by the original control body and shall control the correction of those irregularities; (e) If the operator and/or his subcontractor withdraw from the organic control system, EV shall immediately notify the competent authority of the Republic of Serbia and the European Commission;
8.2.08	When EV establishes irregularities related to the application of EC 834/07 in a product imported from the EU or from third countries recognized by the European Commission, from an exporter controlled by an authorized control body and bearing EU organic logo, EV shall inform the Member State which authorized the control body, the control body controlling the exporter and the European Commission in order to prevent the misuse of the mark of conformity (see requirements 8.3.05 to 8.3.09); The same shall apply in case of products exported to the EU;
8.2.09	When the European Commission informs EV that there is a substantial suspicion that the product imported into the EU under the control of EV is non-complied, EV shall investigate the cause of irregularities and shall inform the European Commission and the competent authority of the Member State about the results of the control within 30 days from the day of receiving the notification;
8.2.10	EV shall, upon request, inform the European Commission of the reasons for the extension or reduction of the conversion period;
8.2.11	EV shall immediately declare any withdrawal and suspension of the assigned certificates of conformity issued by EV;

8.3 Infringement of rules and obligations by EV and by the the operator

8.3.01	Operators shall apply the requirements of this Standard in the production of organic products, i.e. they shall implement methods and rules in production;
8.3.02	EV shall impose sanctions on an operator who fails to comply with the EPOS certification scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) corrective measures and/or b) measures of suspension

8.3.03	Corrective measures shall be imposed in the case of detection of minor irregularities in the production of organic products which do not call into question the organic production methods and the nature of the organic product; operators shall be given a deadline in which to correct irregularities, if applicable;
8.3.04	Measures of suspension shall be imposed in the case of operator's failure to act in compliance with a certain corrective measure or to fully correct the irregularity;
8.3.05	Where a severe irregularity in the organic production method has been detected that cannot be corrected and refers to the application of organic production methods or the use of products not allowed for organic production, EV shall decide on a foreseen sanction that shall result in the rejection of certification, suspension and/or withdrawal of the assigned certificate of conformity, and it shall take precautionary measures concerning the use of the mark of conformity and references to organic production in advertising activities; EV may prohibit the sale of compromised products as organic;
8.3.06	Where an operator considers or suspects that a product that he has produced, prepared, imported or received from another operator is not in compliance with the organic production rules, he shall initiate the process to either withdraw all references linking that product to organic production or to separate and identify the compromised product and not use it until doubt has been eliminated;
8.3.07	The operator may put the product into processing or packaging or on the market as organic only after elimination of the doubt, unless the product is placed on the market without indications relating to organic production methods;
8.3.08	In case of doubt, the operator shall immediately notify EV;
8.3.09	EV may require that the product cannot be placed on the market with indications referring to organic production until the doubt has been eliminated by information received from the operator or other sources;
8.3.10	Where EV reasonably suspects that an operator intends to place on the market a product non-compliant with the certification scheme requirements but bearing the mark of conformity, or if it is an imported product in accordance with requirements referred to in 8.2.08 and 8.2.09, EV may require that the product cannot be placed on the market by the operator for a time period to be determined by EV, whereby this decision may be supplemented by the request to remove the marks of conformity from the compromised product if EV is certain that the product does not meet the requirements of organic production; EV shall investigate the cause of the irregularity;
8.3.11	Prior to making a decision referred to in 8.3.09, EV shall allow the operator to provide explanations and evidence; if the suspicion has not been confirmed within the prescribed deadline, the decision shall be cancelled. The operator shall cooperate with EV in the process of resolving the suspicion;

8.4 Notifying the activity to the organic control system

A) Inclusion into the organic control system

8.4.01	Any operator who wishes to certify organic products according to the requirements of this Standard, including importers and exporters, with the aim of placing the organic product on the EU market, shall subject its holding/organization/operations to the control system which starts with submission of the <i>Declaration</i> ;
8.4.02	Based on the <i>Declaration</i> , the operator and EV shall conclude a <i>Control and Certification Contract</i> defining, among other things, the rights and obligations of EV and the operator and the <i>Annex to the Contract</i> defining the subject and scope of control and certification;
8.4.03	In the <i>Declaration</i> , the operator shall draw up and subsequently maintain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a full description of the production unit/premises/activities/products (including own, rented and subcontracted units and activities) (b) all the practical measures to be taken at the level of the production unit/premises/activities in order to ensure compliance with the organic production rules prescribed by EPOS, (c) the precautionary measures to be taken in order to reduce the risk of contamination by unauthorized products or substances and the cleaning measures to be taken in storage facilities and throughout the operator's production chain; (d) specific characteristics of the production method used, where the operator shall request documentary evidence in accordance with Article 68.2 of EC 889/08. Where appropriate, the description and measures may be a part of the quality system as set up by the operator.
8.4.04	The Operator shall also submit the following information to EV: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) name and address of the operator; (b) location of the premises and data relating to the agricultural parcels where the operations are carried out; (c) type of production and products; (d) operator's statement of commitment;

	<p>(e) the date of the last application of the products prohibited for plant production on the parcels concerned;</p> <p>(f) the name of the authorized control body to which the operator has entrusted the control of production units / activities / products;</p>
8.4.05	<p>The Operator shall also undertake the following obligations, through the <i>Declaration</i> and the <i>Contract</i>:</p> <p>(a) to perform the organic production in accordance with the EPOS certification scheme;</p> <p>(b) to accept, in the event of infringement or irregularities, the enforcement of the corrective measures;</p> <p>(c) to inform, in writing, the buyers of the product in order to ensure that the indications referring to the organic production method are removed from this production;</p> <p>(d) to accept, in cases where the operator and/or the subcontractors of that operator are controlled by both EV and other control body, the exchange of information between EV and other control body;</p> <p>(e) to accept, in cases where the operator and/or the subcontractors of that operator change their control body, the transfer of their control files between the control bodies;</p> <p>(f) to accept, in cases where the operator withdraws from the control system, to inform EV without delay;</p> <p>(g) to accept, in cases of operator's withdrawal from the organic production control system, that the control files shall be kept for a period of at least 5 years;</p> <p>(h) to accept to inform EV without delay of any irregularities or infringements affecting the organic status of their product including organic products received from other operators included in the organic control system;</p>
8.4.06	<p>The operator shall apply organic methods continuously from the day the Contract has been concluded;_ in the case of plant production, the day of Contract conclusion shall be the day of the start of conversion.</p>
8.4.07	<p>Where operator involved in organic production has subcontracted any activity related to organic production with a third party, organic production controls shall include those operations as well, and the operator shall include the subcontracting information in the <i>Declaration</i> (see 8.4.02);</p>
8.4.08	<p>The operator shall submit:</p> <p>(a) a list of subcontractors, describing their activities and indicating the name of the authorized control bodies with which the subcontractor has concluded the agreement on the control and certification of organic products;</p> <p>(b) a written agreement with the subcontractor and the consent of the subcontractor that their holding shall be the subject to the control by EV;</p> <p>(c) information on the practical organic production measures that are being carried out in the production unit in order to ensure the traceability of the organic product that the operator places on the market, including documentary evidence;</p>
8.4.09	<p>Where a subcontractor is controlled by another authorized control body, the agreement between the operator and a subcontractor must include a permit for the exchange of information between EV and the control body controlling the subcontractor;</p>
B) Changes in the organic control system	
8.4.10	<p>If, after the submission of the first or the regular annual <i>Declaration</i>, there are any changes in the subject and scope of the reported organic activities and products, including subcontracted activities, the operator performing plant production, processing, import and/or export shall notify these changes to EV immediately by submitting the new <i>Declaration</i>; importers and exporters shall notify each import or export in due time;</p>
8.4.11	<p>The operator who is already a part of the organic control system shall submit a regular annual <i>Declaration</i> with the data specified in 8.4.03 and 8.4.04 every year, in deadline set by EV;</p>
8.4.12	<p>Depending on the subject and extent of the change, the Annex to the Contract for the current control and certification cycle shall be revised;</p>
8.5 Implementation of the control system	
8.5.01	<p>Before performing control, EV shall adopt a plan of activities, appoint the controller who shall perform the control and provide working documentation;</p>
8.5.02	<p>The appointed controller shall also control the information reported by the operator in the <i>Declaration</i>, especially information referred to in 8.4.03, in order to determine compliance with the requirements of EPOS, on which a report shall be made;</p>
8.5.03	<p>In addition to one mandatory physical control, based on the risk analysis for each operator, EV shall plan extraordinary unannounced controls for the ongoing calendar year in advance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - of at least 10% of the operators with whom the contract was concluded; - performing at least 10% of extraordinary unannounced controls in relation to the total number of planned controls

	The selection of operators that will undergo extraordinary unannounced controls shall be based on the results of risk analysis;
8.5.04	EV shall perform sampling of organic products for the purpose of testing (see 8.1.06) and shall include at least 5% of operators; the selection of operators shall be based on a general assessment of risk of non-compliance with organic production rules, taking into account all stages of production, processing and distribution;
8.5.05	EV shall perform sampling and testing in case of suspicion, and in these cases the principle of the minimum number of samples referred to in 8.5.04 shall not apply;
8.5.06	EV may take samples in any other case in order to check for the presence of products not authorized for organic production, to check for the application of organic production methods not complied with organic production rules or to detect possible contamination by products not authorized for organic production;
8.5.07	The established control system shall enable the traceability of each product at all stages of production, preparation and distribution;

8.6 General obligations of the operator

8.6.01	<p>The operator shall keep stock and financial records in the production unit/business premises that shall allow the operator to determine, and EV to verify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the supplier and, where different, the seller or exporter/importer of the product; b) types and quantities of organic products delivered to the unit and, where appropriate, of all purchased products and the use of such products and, where relevant, the composition of all purchased products and the use of such products; c) types and quantities of organic products kept in the storage facility at the premises; d) types, quantities and buyers of all products that have left the operator's unit or the first consignee's premises or the storage facilities; e) in the case of operators who do not store or physically handle such organic products, types and quantities of organic products purchased and sold, suppliers and, where different, the sellers or exporters and the buyers and, where different, the consignees;
8.6.02	The operator shall keep documentary evidence of the results of the control at reception and delivery of organic products; the records shall demonstrate compliance between input and output;
8.6.03	The operator shall verify the certificate of conformity accompanying the purchased organic product;
8.6.05	Where an operator has multiple production units in the same area, the conventional units, together with the storage premises for input products, shall also be subject to control and the operator shall meet the requirements referred to in 8.4;
8.6.06	The operator shall ensure that products from conventional production not used as food but used in organic production are accompanied by a supplier's declaration from Annex 5 of this standard verifying that they have not been produced from GMOs or by GMOs;
8.6.08	<p>Operators shall facilitate the performance of control, by providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) access to all production units, premises, and documentation requested by EV: data on the procurement, production and sale of organic products; (b) in the case of mixed production, access to conventional production units, premises and documentation relating to conventional production (c) provision of information on imports referred to in 8.9.04 by importers and first consignees; (d) provision of information on the export consignments referred to in 8.10.02 by exporters; (e) the results of their own product quality assurance program;
8.6.09	The operator shall keep records of submitted objections concerning the organic product as well as the results of the complaint handling;
8.6.10	The operator shall keep records of the usage of the approved quantity of labels, which shall be checked by ECOVIVENDI;

8.7 Specific requirements for the control of plant production

8.7.01	<p>For the needs of control program requirements, plant producers, including collectors, shall submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) information on the production unit referred to in point 8.4.03 (a), which includes storage facilities, production premises, land parcels/greenhouses as well as premises where certain processing and/or packaging operations take place, (b) the specific information referred to in Section IV; (c) the date of the last application of technical products on the land parcels/collection areas in question, the use of which does not comply with organic production rules;
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	<p>(d) a third party guarantee that an operator may provide to ensure that requirements referred to in 4.12.01 are complied with;</p> <p>(e) the data on the collection plan specified in 8.7.04;</p> <p>(f) a permit issued by the competent authority of the Republic of Serbia for collection of wild species that are in the protection regime;</p>
8.7.02	<p>Operators shall keep records on plant production; the records shall be kept available in the production unit for EV at all times and shall include:</p> <p>(a) type of crop, sowing/planting date and other sowing/planting data;</p> <p>(b) use of fertilizers and soil conditioners: date of application, type and quantity of fertilizer used per unit area;</p> <p>(c) use of plant protection products: reason and date of application, the type of product, the application procedure;</p> <p>(d) purchase of the product: date, type and quantity of purchased product;</p> <p>(e) harvesting/collection: date, type and amount of organic or in-conversion crop production;</p> <p>(f) for each wild species during collection, the operator shall record data on: common and Latin name of wild species which shall be collected; area and place of collection; collection method; the amount of wild species collected and the name of the persons who collected wild species from natural habitat; collectors' training;</p>
8.7.03	<p>Where an operator also carries out conventional plant production, he shall provide information on crops and agricultural land, together with storage/production premises for agricultural raw materials through the <i>Declaration</i> and these production units shall also be subject to general and specific control rules; the operator shall record the conventional production activities referred to in 8.7.02;</p>
8.7.04	<p>(a) the operator shall submit the crop production plan per parcels for ongoing year as well as data referred to in 8.7.01 through the <i>Declaration</i>, in the deadline set by EV;</p> <p>(b) in the case of parallel production, the operator shall provide the notifications referred to in section IV;</p> <p>(c) the collector shall inform EV at least 5 days prior to the beginning of wild species collection by providing the following information: common and Latin name of wild species which shall be collected; a date of beginning and completion of the collection period; map of location where wild species shall be collected, with clearly marked boundaries of collection areas; names and last names of collectors of wild species; location of potential sources of contamination in the collection area; location of purchase points; location and full description of storage and other facilities used for preparation and processing of collected wild species.</p>

8.8 Specific requirements for the control of processed organic products

8.8.01	<p>Operators who perform processing of plant, animal and plant-animal products, post-harvest handling of unprocessed organic products, packaging, repackaging and/or labelling shall submit, for the purpose of a full description of production units, a layout of the facilities used for reception, processing, packaging, labelling and storage of agricultural products before and after operations relating to them, as well as transport procedures;</p>
8.8.02	<p>The operator shall deliver the product formulation to EV with the full description of ingredients and production methods, for approval;</p>

8.9 Specific requirements for the control of the importers of organic products (importing into the RS)

8.9.01	<p>The full description of the production unit provided by the importer shall include all the premises used for reception and storage of the imported consignment and the description of the activities related to the import, point of entry of the consignment in the Republic of Serbia, as well as all other facilities the importer intends to use for storage of consignments pending their delivery to the first consignee; the full description of the production unit referred to in 8.4.03 and 8.4.04 provided by the first consignee shall include the facilities used for reception and storage of the imported consignment; the importer shall ensure that any facilities used for the storage of the imported consignment are included in the organic control system either by EV or by other authorized control body in accordance with Article 1.4.01 in the country where the facility is located; at the request of the EV, the operator shall provide evidence that the objects concerned are included in the organic control system which EV shall verify;</p>
8.9.02	<p>If the importer and first consignee are the same legal entity and operate in the same unit, the description referred to in 8.9.01 may be contained in the same <i>Declaration</i>;</p>
8.9.03	<p>The importer and the first consignee shall keep separate stock and financial records, except where the importer and the first consignee are the same legal entity and operate in the same unit; at the request of EV, the operator shall also provide data on transport from the exporter to the first consignee, i.e. its storage facilities;</p>
8.9.04	<p>The importer, i.e. the first consignee shall, in due time, notify EV of each consignment to be imported into the Republic of Serbia, providing the following information and documentary evidence:</p> <p>(a) the name and address of the importer; the name and address of the first consignee;</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) the name and amount of the imported organic product; combined nomenclature code; (c) written evidence of the organic status, or certificate of inspection, depending on the country from which the organic product is imported (Articles 29, 32, 33 of EC 834/07) as well as additional documentary evidence of the specific characteristics of the methods used; (d) import documentation and invoices; (e) information on the supplier/producer of organic products; (f) information on the type of transport, points of detention, trans-shipment, customs officer; (g) information on the point of loading, trans-shipment and final unloading; point of entry into the Republic of Serbia; other premises where the organic products are temporarily kept before reaching the final destination with proof that they are under the control of an authorized control body; (h) data on the subcontracted activities (transport, storage, customs officer, relabelling /repackaging in a customs warehousing and other activities); (i) information on possible processing in a customs warehousing; (j) other information specified in the <i>Declaration</i>; <p>that shall be inspected by EV;</p>
8.9.05	If, due to special customs regulations, the imported consignment is assigned to a customs warehousing on the territory of Serbia, due to compulsory repackaging or labelling, the operator shall notify EV prior to undertaking these actions, and EV shall perform the control;
8.9.06	The importer/first consignee shall provide a licence for the release of the imported consignment into the Serbian market concerning fulfilment of the requirements related to food safety; if the operator does not provide a licence from the competent authority, EV shall not issue a certificate of conformity for the consignment concerned, i.e. it shall not confirm that the imported consignment of organic origin is in compliance with the requirements of the EPOS;

8.10 Specific requirements for the control of the exporters of organic products (exporting to the EU)

8.10.01	The exporter shall ensure that any facility used for storing of the export consignment is included in the organic control system either by EV or another authorized control body pursuant to Article 1.4.01 in the country where the facility is located; the operator shall provide evidence that the facilities concerned are included in the organic control system that EV shall check prior to export;
8.10.02	<p>The exporter shall, in due time, notify EV and submit to it the following data and documentary evidence about each consignment he intends to export into the EU, providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the name and addresses of the importer, the name and address of the first consignee in the EU; (b) the name, quantity and the lot number of the imported organic product; combined nomenclature code; (c) export documentation and invoices; (d) data on the exporter/producer of organic products; (e) information on the type of transport, points of detention, trans-shipment, customs officer; (f) information on the point of loading, trans-shipment and final unloading; point of entry into the EU; Other facilities where the organic products are temporarily kept before reaching the final destination with proof that they are under the control of an authorized control body; (g) data on subcontracted activities (transport, storage, customs officer, relabelling/repackaging in a customs warehousing and other activities); (h) information on possible processing in a customs warehousing; (i) other information specified in the <i>Declaration</i>; <p>that shall be inspected by EV;</p>

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Requirements of the EPOS Group certification scheme have been established according to the *Guidelines on Imports of Organic Products into the EU, 15.12.2008, rev 1, Chapter 8*, whereby the Group shall also apply all other requirements specified in this Standard;

9.1 General conditions for a Group

9.1.01	A group composed of small primary agricultural producers, processors and/or distributors whose production activities and all activities related to the organic production certification process are organized within a common structure and are internally controlled by the group, while EV conducts external control verifying and assessing the effectiveness of the established internal control system applicable to all group members and certifies the group as a whole;
9.1.02	Small primary agricultural producers are the ones whose production is based on family work, whereby they face difficulties or limitations in the sale of products and fulfilment of administrative requirements; they may perform processing within their holding, but only of agricultural raw materials originating from their production process or that of other group members. Examples of processing: drying, storage, cooling and similar activities, including packaging and labelling procedures;
9.1.03	The total agricultural area that an agricultural producer may include in group certification shall be limited depending on manner of land exploitation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ≤5 ha of fruit, vegetables; herbs; - ≤10 ha of field crops/natural meadows and pastures, provided that livestock production is included - ≤10 ha of mixed use of agricultural land, where the maximum area of vegetable, fruit and herbs is 5 ha, and provided that cattle production is included;
9.1.04	A group member may be a primary agricultural producer whose area exceeds the foreseen limits; such group members shall represent no more than 15% of the total number of primary agricultural producers in the group, with the included land area not more than 50% above the limit;
9.1.05	The group may be organized as a cooperative or an association or as a structured group of primary agricultural producers affiliated to a processor or a distributor, with the minimum of 14 members – primary agricultural producers
9.1.06	The group shall be established formally, based on a written agreement with all its members.
9.1.07	The group shall have central management, established decision-making procedures and legal capacity;
9.1.08	Primary agricultural production shall take place in one geographical area with similar agro-ecological conditions, i.e. similar climate factors, topography, water and soil conditions.
9.1.09	A primary agricultural producer with one part of agricultural land included into organic production and the other part under parallel production shall not be a group member;
9.1.10	If the group is engaged in export, the marketing of the organic products shall be carried out through the group as a legal entity;
9.1.11	Procurement of fertilizers, soil conditioners and plant protection products listed in Annex X of this Standard, including propagating material, shall be centralized, with documentary evidence from which the origin, name, type and quantity of purchased products can be determined, as well as their consumption by the production unit or a group member;

9.2 Inclusion into the organic control system

9.2.01	The group i.e. the operator, shall assume responsibility, on behalf of all its members, for the compliance of production activities and products with the requirements set forth in this Standard as well as for the fulfilment of the certification requirements, by signing the control and certification contract with EV;
9.2.02	The group, i.e. the operator shall enter into a written agreement with each of its members, which will include at a minimum: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) member's identity, headquarters address and type of production (b) name of the standard according to which the group is controlled and certified, (c) obligation to apply organic production requirements, (d) obligation to inform the group or the operator about changes that affect the fulfilment of organic methods, (e) consent to submit its holding and documentation to internal and external control including sampling, (f) validity of the agreement, date of the agreement and signatures;
9.2.03	The group, i.e. the operator shall sign a written agreement with each subcontractor, fulfilling all the requirements set forth in this Standard that refer to the subcontracted activities;

9.3 Internal control system (ICS)

9.3.01	The group, i.e. the operator shall document, implement and maintain in practice the internal rules of the group, with detailed description of the internal control system submitted to EV for approval;
9.3.02	<p>Operating rules of the group shall comply with the requirements set forth in this Standard concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) rules for establishment of the group, structure and responsibilities; (b) subject and scope of organic production; (c) terms of membership, maintenance of membership and exclusion of a member; terms of subcontracting; (d) contracting and validity of agreements concluded with members and subcontractors; (e) conditions for engaging an internal controller, competence and maintenance of competence, ensuring of impartiality, responsibility and authority; (f) a detailed description of the internal control applied (planning, implementation, control methods in the application of organic production requirements); (g) rules for the application of organic methods (e.g. obligations of members and subcontractors in the application of practical and preventive measures in relation to the fulfilment of requirements of this Standard and internal rules of the group); (h) sanctions to be imposed on a member who does not meet the requirements of this Standard and operating rules of the group (i) identification and traceability (land parcels/production units/members/products) and labelling of organic products, (j) management of non-compliant products; (k) mandatory records confirming the application of the defined rules;
9.3.03	<p>The internal control system shall contain the following at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the list of all members, primary producers, containing the following information: name and last name of the member, date of agreement, date of the first external control, date of the last internal control, identification of production units with a map of area and type of crops, status, date of sowing/planting, date of the last application of material prohibited for organic production, estimated and realized yield; (b) the list of processors and subcontractors, specifying names and addresses of production units, types of activities they perform, date of agreement and other information relevant to the subcontractor; (c) the file of each group member that shall include at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - signed agreement with the group, - map of the production unit, - report on internal control of the member, and - production records if applicable; (d) The internal control plan and the report on the internal control of the group shall contain the following information and data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - time period and participants of the internal control for each crop or member; - result of internal control regarding the fulfilment of the plan, requests by the members specified in this Standard and the rules defined by the group; (e) all the above documents shall be stored and updated and kept available for EV at all times;
9.3.04	<p>The report on internal control of a member shall contain the following information and data at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) identity of the member and production units and date of the agreement, (b) internal control date and name of the internal controller, (c) applied methods of organic production in accordance with EPOS requirements, (d) use of fertilizers, soil conditioners and pesticides and reason for their use, (e) conditions and state of crops with an assessment of yield, (f) detected derogations, corrective measures, sanctions and other requirements that a member shall fulfil, (g) result of a repeated internal control if the internal controller has imposed the application of certain measures, (h) realized amount of yield;
9.3.05	<p>The group, i.e. the operator shall implement the following minimum requirements regarding internal control:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) internal control shall include all primary agricultural producers; (b) minimum one annual internal control of holdings and agricultural land shall be performed; (c) timing of the internal control shall be prior to the implementation of external control; (d) the internal control will be carried out by the appointed internal controller with guarantee of impartiality; (e) the internal controller shall notify the management entity of the group of the results of internal control;
9.3.06	The group, i.e. the operator shall keep available all records and documentary evidence on production foreseen by this Standard as a confirmation that the organic product traceability has been ensured at all stages of the implementation including primary production, product procurement, transport, storage, processing, packaging, labelling and sale;

9.4 Competence and tasks of the internal controller

9.4.01	The appointed internal controller shall have a working experience or knowledge of the production to be controlled and shall be competent to control the organic production;
9.4.02	The group, i.e. the operator shall formally appoint an internal controller with whom it shall establish a contractual relationship; the group shall engage a sufficient number of internal controllers taking into account the total agricultural area, the number of parcels and their location and type of production; Minimum 1 internal controller shall control the maximum of 200 ha of arable land;
9.4.03	The group, i.e. the operator shall periodically implement the appropriate (internal/external) revised trainings of the internal controller in the area of organic production;
9.4.04	Records of training and competence of the internal controller shall be maintained;
9.4.05	The group, i.e. the operator shall ensure that internal control is performed in an impartial manner, i.e. the internal controllers shall not control their own activities or activities of the closest family members;

9.5 Communication with EV

9.5.01	The group, i.e. the operator shall appoint a person to communicate with EV;
9.5.02	If any irregularities are detected by the internal control that are related to implementation of organic production requirements set forth in this Standard which infringe the integrity of an organic product, a report on irregularities, implemented corrective measures, imposed sanctions and a non-compliant product/production unit/member handling shall be immediately delivered to the EV;
9.5.03	The group i.e. the operator shall obtain mandatory approvals by EV for each member concerning meeting of the requirements that are within tolerance threshold.

9.6 Control system

9.6.01	EV shall evaluate the effectiveness of the established internal control system with the ultimate goal to assess compliance with the organic production requirements by all group members.
9.6.02	EV shall carry out a control of the group minimum once a year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) checking the effectiveness of the established internal control system, (b) physical control of small primary agricultural producers on a sample basis and (c) physical control of any major primary agricultural producer, subcontractor, processor and exporter not included in the sample;
9.6.03	When determining the number of members to be included by sample-based controls, EV shall apply the risk analysis and the model specified in the <i>Guidelines on Imports of Organic Products into the EU, December 15, 2008, rev 1</i>
9.6.04	If infringement of organic methods application by minimum 1 controlled group member has been detected, which may result in a loss of status, depending on the organization of the group and the traceability procedure, the following may apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) loss of status as a whole, which may imply the whole production unit and the products it contains or a particular lot of the product; (b) the member at whom the infringement has been detected shall either be excluded from the group or shall return to the beginning of the conversion period, if applicable (depending on the procedure of the group itself); If the ICS is found to lack effectiveness (regarding the entire subject or scope or only in a specific part), the group shall be sanctioned in the scope and the subject to which the detected irregularity implies, but the suspension of the entire group may also happen, in which case the risk analysis for the following control shall apply the model referred to in the <i>Guidelines on the Imports of Organic Products into the EU, December 15, 2008, rev 1</i>;

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Annex 1

The list of authorized fertilizers and soil conditioners

Authorized pursuant to Article 16 (3) (c) of the Regulation (EC) No 834/07. Operators shall obtain approval from EV prior to using the product, by submitting the Application for derogation.

Name	Description, conditions for use, compositional requirements
Compound products or products containing only materials listed hereunder – farmyard manure	Products comprising a mixture of animal excrements and vegetable matter (animal bedding); Factory farming origin forbidden
Dried farmyard manure and dehydrated poultry manure	Factory farming origin forbidden
Composted animal excrements, including poultry manure and composted farmyard manure included	Factory farming origin forbidden
Liquid animal excrements	Use after controlled fermentation and/or appropriate dilution; Factory farming origin forbidden
Composted or fermented mixture of household waste	Product obtained from source separated household waste, which has been submitted to composting or to anaerobic fermentation for biogas production; Only vegetable and animal household waste; Only when produced in a closed and monitored collection system, accepted by the Member State; Maximum concentrations in mg/kg of dry matter: cadmium: 0,7; copper: 70; nickel: 25; lead: 45; zinc: 200; mercury: 0,4; chromium (total): 70; chromium (VI): not detectable (EC 354/2014)
Peat	Use limited to horticulture, floriculture, arboriculture, nursery
Mushroom culture wastes	The initial composition of the substrate shall be limited to products of this Annex
Dejecta of worms (vermicompost) and insects	
Guano	
Composted or fermented mixture of vegetable matter	
Biogas digestate containing animal by-products co-digested with material of plant or animal origin as listed in this Annex	Animal by-products (including by-products of wild animals) of category 3 and digestive tract content of category 2 (categories 2 and 3 as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 (*)) must not be from factory farming origin. The processes have to be in

	accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/11 (**). Not to be applied to edible parts of the crop (EC 354/2014)
Products or by-products of animal origin as below: Blood meal Hoof meal Horn meal Bone meal Mixed meal Feather, hair and 'chiquette' meal Wool Fur (1) Hair Dairy products Hydrolyzed proteins (2)	(1) Maximum concentration in mg/kg of dry matter of chromium (VI): not detectable (2) Not to be applied to edible parts of the crop (EC 354/2014)

Name	Description, conditions for use, compositional requirements
Leonardite (raw organic sediment rich in humic acids)	Only if obtained as a by-product of mining activities (EC 354/2014)
Chitin (Polysaccharide obtained from the shell of crustaceans)	Only if obtained from sustainable fisheries, as defined in Article 3(e) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/02 (*) or organic aquaculture (EC 354/2014)
Organic rich sediment from fresh water bodies formed under exclusion of oxygen (e.g. sapropel)	Only organic sediments that are by-products of fresh water body management or extracted from former freshwater areas; When applicable, extraction should be done in a way to cause minimal impact on the aquatic system; Only sediments derived from sources free from contaminations of pesticides, persistent organic pollutants and petrol like substances; Maximum concentrations in mg/kg of dry matter: cadmium: 0,7; copper: 70; nickel: 25; lead: 45; zinc: 200; mercury: 0,4; chromium (total): 70; chromium (VI): not detectable (EC 354/2014)
Products and by-products of plant origin for fertilizers	Examples: oilseed cake meal, cocoa husks, malt culms
Seaweeds and seaweed products	As far as directly obtained by: (a) physical processes including dehydration, freezing and grinding (b) extraction with water or aqueous acid and/or alkaline solution

	(c) fermentation
Sawdust and wood chips	Wood not chemically treated after felling
Composted bark	Wood not chemically treated after felling
Wood ash	From wood not chemically treated after felling
Soft ground rock phosphate	Product as specified in point 7 of Annex IA.2. to Regulation (EC) No 2003/03 relating to fertilizers Cadmium content less than or equal to 90 mg/kg of P ₂ O ₅
Aluminium-calcium phosphate	Product as specified in point 6 of Annex IA.2. of Regulation 2003/03, Cadmium content less than or equal to 90 mg/kg of P ₂ O ₅ Use limited to basic soils (pH>7,5)
Basic slag	Products as specified in point 1 of Annex IA.2. of Regulation EC 2003/03
Crude potassium salt or kainit	Products as specified in point 1 of Annex IA.3. of Regulation EC 2003/03
Potassium sulphate, possibly containing magnesium salt	Product obtained from crude potassium salt by a physical extraction process, containing possibly also magnesium salts
Stillage and stillage extract	Ammonium stillage excluded
Calcium carbonate (chalk, marl, ground limestone, Breton ameliorant, (maerl), phosphate chalk)	Only of natural origin
Magnesium and calcium carbonate	Only of natural origin e.g. magnesian chalk, ground magnesium, limestone

Name	Description, conditions for use, compositional requirements
Magnesium sulphate (kieserite)	Only of natural origin
Calcium chloride solution	Foliar treatment of apple trees, after identification of deficit of calcium
Calcium sulphate (gypsum)	Products as specified in point 1 of Annex ID. of Regulation 2003/03 Only of natural origin
Industrial lime from sugar production	By-product of sugar production from sugar beet
Industrial lime from vacuum salt production	By-product of the vacuum salt production from brine found in mountains

Elemental sulphur	Products as specified in Annex ID.3 of Regulation 2003/03
Trace elements	Inorganic micronutrients listed in part E of Annex I to Regulation 2003/03
Sodium chloride	Only mined salt
Stone meal and clays	
<p>* Commission Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002</p> <p>** Commission Regulation (EU) No. 142/2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No. 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border under that Directive;</p>	

Annex 2

The list of authorized plant production products

All the substances shall comply with the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011. More restrictive conditions for use for organic production are specified in the second column of each table; Operators shall obtain approval from EV prior to using the product, by submitting the Application for derogation.

1. Substances of plant or animal origin

Name	Description, conditions for use, compositional requirements
Azadirachtin extracted from Azadirachta indica (Neem tree)	
Basic substances	Only those basic substances in terms of Article 23(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council (1) which are included by the definition of foodstuff given in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council (2) and which are of plant or animal origin. Substances not to be used as herbicides, but only for the control of pests and diseases;
Beeswax	Pruning agent
Hydrolyzed proteins excluding gelatine	
Laminarin	Kelp shall be either grown organically in accordance with Article 6.d or harvested in a sustainable way in accordance with Article 6.c.
Pheromones	Only in traps and dispensers;
Plant oils	All uses authorized, except as herbicide;
Pyrethrins extracted from Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium	

Pyrethroids (only deltamethrin or lambdacyhalothrin)	Insecticide; only in traps with specific attractants; only against <i>Bactrocera oleae</i> and <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> Wied.
Quassia extracted from <i>Quassia amara</i>	Only as insecticide, repellent.
Repellents by smell of animal or plant origin/sheep fat	Only on non-edible parts of the crop and where crop material is not ingested by sheep or goats.
(1) Regulation (EC) No 1107/09 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market (2) Regulation (EC) No 178/02 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety	

2. Micro-organisms or substances produced by micro-organisms

Name	Description, conditions for use, compositional requirements
Micro-organisms	Non-GMO by origin; Products listed in Annex EC 540/11
Spinosad	

3. Other substances traditionally used in organic production

Name	Description, conditions for use, compositional requirements
Copper compounds in the form of: copper hydroxide, copper oxychloride, copper sulphate, copper oxide, Bordeaux mixture and tribasic copper sulphate	Fungicide and bactericide up to 6 kg copper per ha per year. For perennial crops ECOVIVENDI may, by derogation from the previous paragraph, provide that the 6 kg copper limit can be exceeded in a given year provided that the average quantity actually used over a 5-year period consisting of that year and of the 4 preceding years does not exceed 6 kg.
Ethylene	
Lime sulphur (calcium polysulphide)	
Paraffin oil	
Quartz sand	
Sulphur	
Aluminium silicate (Kaolin)	
Calcium hydroxide	Fungicide, when used as fungicide, only in fruit trees, including nurseries, to control <i>Nectria galligena</i> .
Potassium hydrogen carbonate (aka potassium bicarbonate)	
Kieselgur (diatomaceous earth)	
Ferric phosphate (iron (III) orthophosphate)	Preparations to be surface-spread between cultivated plants for mollusks (snails)
Fatty acids	All uses authorized, except herbicide
Carbon dioxide	

Annex 3

The list of authorized substances in the production of processed organic food

Authorized pursuant to Article 21 (2) of the Regulation (EC) No 834/07; Operators shall obtain approval from EV prior to using the product.

1.1 Food additives, including carriers

For the purpose of calculation referred to in Regulation (EC) No 834/07 article 23 (4)(a)(ii), food additives marked with an asterisk in the column "CODE" shall be calculated as ingredients of agricultural origin.

CODE	NAME	PREPARATION OF FOODSTUFFS OF		Specific condition
		Plant origin	Animal origin	
E 153	Vegetable carbon		x	<i>Ashy goat cheese</i> <i>Morbier cheese</i>
E 160b*	Annatto, Bixin, Norbixin		x	<i>Red Leicester cheese</i> <i>Double Gloucester cheese</i> <i>Cheddar</i> <i>Mimolette cheese</i>
E 170	Calcium carbonate	x	x	Shall not be used for colouring or calcium enrichment of products
E 220 or E 224	Sulphur dioxide Potassium metabisulphite	x x	x (only for mead) x (only for mead)	In fruit wines (*) and mead with and without added sugar: 100 mg (**) In fruit wines (*) and mead with and without added sugar: 100 mg (**) (*) In this context, "fruit wine" is defined as wine made from fruits other than grapes (**) Maximum levels available from all sources, expressed as SO ₂ in mg/l.
E 223	Sodium - metabisulphite		x	Crustaceans (2)
E 250 or E 252	Sodium nitrite Potassium nitrite		x x	For meat products (2) For E 250: indicative ingoing amount expressed as NaNO ₂ : 80 mg/kg For E 252: indicative ingoing amount expressed as NaNO ₃ : 80 mg/kg For E 250: maximum residual amount expressed as NaNO ₂ : 50 mg/kg For E 252: maximum residual amount expressed as NaNO ₃ : 50 mg/kg
E 270	Lactic acid	x	x	
E 290	Carbon dioxide	x	x	
E 296	Malic acid	x		
E 300	Ascorbic acid	x	x	Meat products (1)

CODE	NAME	PREPARATION OF FOODSTUFFS OF		Specific condition
		Plant origin	Animal origin	
E 301	Sodium ascorbate		x	Meat products (1) in connection with nitrates and nitrites
E 306*	Tocopherol-rich extract	x	x	Anti-oxidant
E 322*	Lecithins	x	x	Milk products (1), only when derived from organic raw material (as of 01.01.2019.)
E 325	Sodium-lactate		x	Meat and milk-based products

E 330	Citric acid	x	x	Crustaceans and mollusks (2)
E 331	Sodium-citrates	x	x	
E 333	Calcium-citrates	x		
E 334	Tartaric acid (L(+)-)	x	x (only for mead)	
E 335	Sodium-tartrates	x		
E 336	Potassium-tartrates	x		
E 341(i)	Monocalcium-phosphate	x		Raising agent for self raising flour
E 392*	Extracts of rosemary	x	x	Only when derived from organic production and if only ethanol is used for extraction; EC 344/2011
E 400	Alginic acid	x	x	Milk-based products (1)
E 401	Sodium alginate	x	x	Milk-based products (1)
E 402	Potassium alginate	x	x	Milk-based products (1)
E 406	Agar	x	x	Milk-based and meat products (1)
E 407	Carrageenan	x	x	Milk-based products (1)
E 410*	Locust bean gum	x	x	

CODE	NAME	PREPARATION OF FOODSTUFFS OF		Specific condition
		Plant origin	Animal origin	
E 412*	Guar gum	x	x	
E 414*	Arabic gum	x	x	
E 415	Xanthan gum	x	x	
E 418	Gellan gum	x	x	High-acyl form only
E 422	Glycerol	x		Of plant origin; For plant extracts and flavourings.
E 440 (i)*	Pectin	x	x	Milk-based products (1)
E 464	Hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose	x	x	Encapsulation material for capsules
E 500	Sodium carbonates	x	x	"Dulce de leche"(3) and sour cream and soured milk (2)

E 501	Potassium carbonates	x		
E 503	Ammonium carbonates	x		
E 504	Magnesium carbonates	x		
E 509	Calcium chloride		x	Milk coagulation
E 516	Calcium sulphate	x		Carrier
E 524	Sodium hydroxide	x		Surface treatment of "Laugengebäck" and regulation of acidity in organic flavourings
E 551	Silicon dioxide gel or colloidal solution	x	x	For herbs and spices in dried powdered form Flavourings and propolis
E 553b	Talc	x	x	Coating agent for meat products
E 901	Beeswax	x		As a glazing agent for confectionary only Beeswax from organic beekeeping.
E 903	Carnauba wax	x		As a glazing agent for confectionary only Only when derived from organic raw material
E 938	Argon	x	x	
E 939	Helium	x	x	
E 941	Nitrogen	x	x	
E 948	Oxygen	x	x	
E 968	Erythritol	x	x	Only when derived from organic production without using ion exchange technology'

(1) The restriction concerns only animal products.

(2) This additive can only be used if it has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Ministry that no technological alternative, giving the same guarantees and/or allowing to maintain the specific features of the product, is available

(3) "Dulche de leche" refers to soft, delicious, brown cream, made of sweetened, thickened milk.

1.2 Flavourings are not ingredients of agricultural origin

Natural flavourings or mixtures of natural flavourings in accordance with EEC 88/388 article 9 (1d) and (2);

1.3 Drinking water and salt (with sodium chloride or potassium chloride) which are generally used in food processing are not ingredients of agricultural origin;

1.4 Preparations of microorganisms and enzymes are not ingredients of agricultural origin

Any preparation of microorganisms and enzymes commonly used in food processing, with the exception of GMOs and enzymes produced from GMOs;

1.5 Minerals, vitamins, amino acids and other micronutrients, only authorized as far as their use in the foodstuffs in which they are incorporated has been regulated by law, are not ingredients of agricultural origin

1.6 Colours for stamping meat and eggshells, in accordance with EEC 94/36, article 2 (8). For traditional decorative egg shell colours of cooked eggs, produced with intent to be marketed in certain time of year. ECOVIVENDI may authorize the use of natural colours and coating with natural substances for a certain period of time – they are not ingredients of agricultural origin.

1.7 Additives allowed in the production of yeast and yeast products in organic production. Yeast and yeast products shall be calculated as ingredients of agricultural origin as of 31 December 2013.

2. Processing aids used in production of yeast and yeast products

Name	Primary yeast	Yeast confections / formulations	Specific conditions
Calcium-chloride	x		
Carbon dioxide	x	x	
Citric acid	x		For the regulation of the pH in yeast production
Lactic acid	x		For the regulation of the pH in yeast production
Nitrogen	x	x	
Oxygen	x	x	
Potato starch	x	x	For filtering Only when derived from organic production
Sodium carbonate	x	x	For the regulation of the pH
Vegetable oils	x	x	Greasing, releasing or antifoaming agent Only when derived from organic production

3. Processing aids and other products, which may be used for processing of ingredients of agricultural origin from organic production

NAME	Preparation of foodstuffs of plant origin	Preparation of foodstuffs of animal origin	Specific conditions
Water	x	x	Drinking water
Calcium-chloride	x		Coagulation agent
Calcium carbonate	x		
Calcium-hydroxide	x		
Calcium sulphate	x		Coagulation agent
Magnesium-chloride (or nigari)	x		Coagulation agent
Potassium carbonate	x		Drying of grapes
Sodium carbonate	x	x	
Lactic acid		x	For the regulation of the pH of the brine bath in cheese production (1)
Citric acid	x	x	For the regulation of the pH of the brine bath in cheese production (1) Oil production and hydrolysis of starch (2)
Sodium hydroxide	x		Sugar(s) production Oil production excluding olive oil production
Sulphuric acid	x	x	Production of gelatine (1) Production of sugar (2)
Hydrochloric acid		x	Production of gelatine For the regulation of the pH of the brine bath in the processing of <i>Gouda, Edam and Maasdammer cheeses, Boerenkaas, Friese and Leidse Nagelkaas</i>
Ammonium hydroxide		x	Production of gelatine

Hydrogen peroxide		x	Production of gelatine
Carbon dioxide	x	x	
Nitrogen	x	x	
Ethanol	x	x	Solvent
Tannic acid	x		Filtration aid
Egg white albumen	x		
Casein	x		
Gelatin	x		
Isinglass	x		
Vegetable oils	x	x	Greasing, releasing or antifoaming agent Only when derived from organic production

NAME	Preparation of foodstuffs of plant origin	Preparation of foodstuffs of animal origin	Specific conditions
Silicon dioxide gel or colloidal solution	x		
Activated carbon	x		
Talc	x		In compliance with the specific purity criteria for food additive E 553b
Acetic acid		x	Only if it is obtained from organic production. For fish processing, only from biotechnological source, except if produced by or from GMO
Thiamin hydrochloride	x	x	Only for use in processing of fruit wines, including cider and perry and mead
Diammonium phosphate	x	x	Only for use in processing of fruit wines, including cider and perry and mead
Wood fibre	x	x	Sustainably harvested wood. Wood used must not contain toxic components (post-harvest treatment, naturally occurring toxins or toxins from micro-organisms)
Bentonite	x	x	Sticking agent for mead (1)
Cellulose	x	x	Production of gelatine (1)
Diatomaceous earth	x	x	Production of gelatine (1)
Perlite	x	x	Production of gelatine (1)
Hazelnut shells	x		
Rice meal	x		
Beeswax	x		Releasing agent. Beeswax from organic production.
Carnauba wax	x		Releasing agent. Only when derived from organic production

(1) The restriction concerns only animal products.

(2) The restriction concerns only plant products

4. Products for cleaning and disinfection in plant production, including equipment, storage facilities and transport vehicles

For the purpose of cleaning and disinfection, all substances generally approved for food industry shall be allowed; Some of them shall be used according to the conditions provided in the Table below; All cleaning and disinfection products shall be used according to the producer's instructions; Where the manufacturer of the product requires rinsing with water before contact with food, the measure shall be applied;

Type	Plant production and collecting	Processing	Specific conditions
Water	x	x	Drinking water in terms of the Regulation on Drinking Water Quality, FRY 42/98 and 44/99
Alcohol (ethanol, isopropanol)	x	x	It can also be used for cleaning irrigation systems
Chlorine / sodium based agents		x	Rinsing with water is compulsory
Hydrogen peroxide	x	x	
Acetic acid		x	
Soaps	x	x	Rinsing with water is compulsory

Annex 4

The list of authorized conventional agricultural ingredients in processing of organic food

Authorized under point 1.3.04 of this Private Standard; Operators shall obtain approval prior to using the product.

1. Unprocessed vegetable products as well as products derived therefrom by processes

1.1 Edible fruits, nuts and seeds:

- acorns, *Quercus spp*
- cola nuts, *Cola acuminata*
- gooseberries, *Ribes uva-crispa*
- maracujas (passion fruit), *Passiflora edulis*
- raspberries (dried), *Rubus idaeus*
- red currants (dried), *Ribes rubrum*

1.2 Edible spices and herbs:

- pepper (Peruvian), *Schinus molle L.*
- horseradish seeds, *Armoracia rusticana*
- lesser galanga, *Alpinia officinarum*
- safflower flowers, *Carthamus tinctorius*
- watercress herb, *Nasturtium officinale*

1.3 Miscellaneous:

Algae, including seaweed, permitted in non-organic foodstuffs preparation

2.1 Fats and oils whether or not refined, but not chemically modified, derived from plants other than:

- cocoa, *Theobroma cacao*
- coconut, *Cocos nucifera*
- olive, *Olea europaea*
- sunflower, *Helianthus annuus*
- rape, *Brassica napus, rapa*
- palm, *Elaeis guineensis*
- safflower, *Carthamus tinctorius*
- sesame, *Sesamum indicum*
- soya, *Glycine max*

2.2 The following sugars, starches and other products from cereals and tubers

- fructose
- rice paper
- unleavened bread paper
- starch from rice and waxy maize, not chemically modified

2.3 Miscellaneous

- pea protein *Pisum spp.*
- rum, only obtained from cane sugar juice
- kirsch prepared on the basis of fruits and flavourings

3. Animal products

Aquatic organisms, not originating from aquaculture, permitted in non-organic foodstuffs preparation

- gelatin
- whey powder "herasuola"
- casings

**Annex 5
Non-GMO vendor declaration**

Non-GMO vendor declaration	
Vendor declaration according to point 3.4.04 of EPOS (Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 834/07)	
Name and address of vendor	
Product name:	Identification (e.g. lot number):
Components: (Specify all components existing in the product / used the last in the production process)	

I declare that this product was manufactured neither “from” nor “by” GMOs as those terms are used in Articles 2 and 9 of the Regulation (EC) No 834/07.

I do not have any information which could suggest that this statement is inaccurate.

Thus, I declare that the above named product complies with point 3.4.01 of EPOS, or Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 834/07, regarding the prohibition on the use of GMOs. I undertake to inform our customer and its control body/authority immediately if this declaration is withdrawn or modified, or if any information comes to light which would undermine its accuracy.

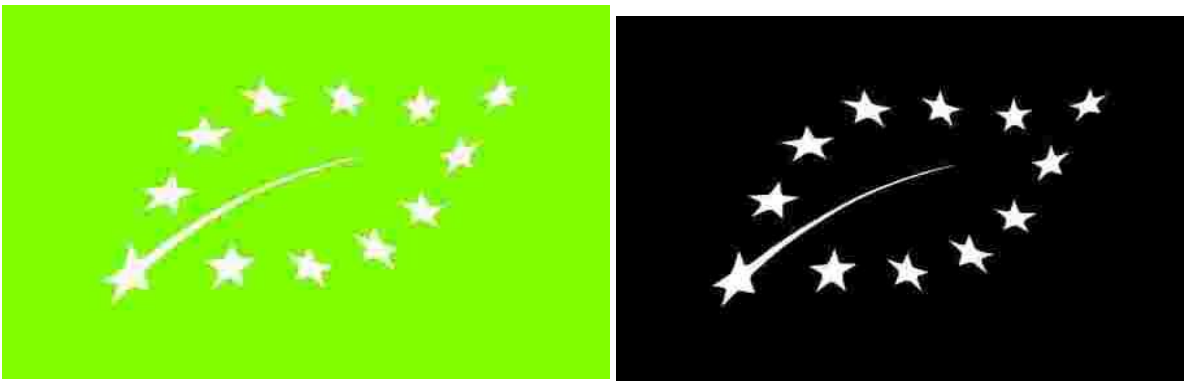
I authorize the control body referred to in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 834/07, which supervises our customer to examine the accuracy of this declaration and if necessary to take samples for analytic proof. I also accept that this task may be carried out by an independent institution which has been appointed in writing by the control body. The undersigned takes responsibility for the accuracy of this declaration.

Country, place, date, signature of vendor:

Company stamp of vendor:

Annex 6

The EU Organic Logo



The EU Organic Logo:

- (a) the master colour version is green, referenced as follows: Pantone n°376 or green 50% cyan + 100% yellow in a four colour process;
- (b) a black and white version may be used only when the use of the coloured sign is not practicable;
- (c) if the background colour of the packaging or label is dark, the symbols may be used in negative format, using the background colour of the packaging or label;
- (d) whenever the EU Organic Logo doesn't stand out from the background, the outer line version is to be used;
- (e) in certain specific situations where there are indications in a single colour on the packaging, the EU Organic Logo may be used in the same colour;
- (f) the EU Organic Logo must have a height of at least 9 mm and a width of at least 13,5 mm; the proportion ratio height/width shall always be 1:1,5. Exceptionally the minimum size may be reduced to a height of 6 mm for very small packages.
- (g) the EU Organic Logo may be associated with graphical or textual elements referring to organic farming, under the condition that they do not modify or change the nature of the EU Organic Logo, nor any indications referring to the code number or their position on the declaration. When the EU Organic Logo for an organic product is used in association with national or private labels using a green colour different from the reference colour referred to in (a), the EU Organic Logo may be used in that non-reference colour.

The general format of the code number

AB-CDE-999

AB is the code for the country where the control takes place.

CDE is a three-letter term establishing a link with the organic production method, assigned by a competent authority of a Member state or the European Commission, e.g. “bio”, “öko”, “org”, “eco”, etc.

999 is the reference number, indicated in maximum three digits, to be attributed to the authorized certifier.

Competent authority of each Member State attributes the code number to certifiers;

European Commission attributes a code number:

a) to the Control Bodies referred to in Article 3(2) of the Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 which are authorized to issue documentary evidence in third countries, listed in Annex I;

b) to the competent authorities of third countries or control bodies referred to in Article 7(2)(f) of the Regulation EC1235/2008 and Annex III;

c) to the control bodies referred to in Article 10(2)(a) of the Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 and Annex IV

Annex 7

Code and logo of ECOVIVENDI doo



The European Commission shall attribute a unique code number.

The code number shall be composed of:

- acronym identifying the state in accordance with ISO 3166;
- acronym identifying the organic product, in accordance with Article 23, Regulation (EC) No 834/07;
- three-digit number determined by the European Commission

Annex 8

Application for the reduction of the conversion period

Name of the operator/holding _____

I am applying for the reduction of the conversion period

Data on parcels included in application for the reduction of the conversion period (if the application should include a larger number of parcels, add as many rows as needed)				
Number	Cadastral municipality	Parcel number	Surface (ha a m ²)	Cultivated plant species

The following documents for each parcel are enclosed to the Application:

Number	Document title (if you are enclosing a large number of documents, add as many rows as needed)

I hereby declare that I have sent the *Application for the reduction of the conversion period* to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Serbia as well, on _____.

I hereby declare that the submitted documents are accurate and that the provided facts are true.

Date: _____ Place: _____ Seal

Applicant's signature: _____

Annex 9

Species for which organically produced seed or seed potatoes are available in sufficient quantities and for a significant number of varieties

Not included

Annex 10

Application for derogation concerning organic methods

Name and last name of the producer:

NOTE: the application shall be filled in prior to implementation of the activity; You shall fill in all the foreseen blanks and enclose to the *Application* all applicable documents as evidence; You may add rows if needed;

plant production use of propagating material livestock production use of technical products
 technological processing procedure

Table 1.1. Please explain the derogation in brief (who/what, when/where, why):

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Table 1.2. – Propagating material of conventional origin (seeds, tubers, bulbs, nursery plants/cuttings/seedlings, mycelium) and own propagating material; Non-GMO declaration is compulsory for corn, soya, sugar beet and mushroom mycelium:

No	Species and variety	Quantity (kg/pcs)	Parcel number and surface	Period of use	Account	Declaration	Non-GMO declaration*
1.							
2.							
3.							

Table 1.3 Technical products (pesticides, traditional plant protection products used as food, fertilizers and conditioners, seed inoculators, substrates, biodynamic preparations, cleaning and disinfection products, medicines for treating animals / wax in beekeeping, conventional yeast, use of conventional food ingredients and animal feed listed in the annexes of the normative act); The non-GMO declaration is compulsory for micro-organism preparations and conventional ingredients of agricultural origin as well as for microbiological origin ingredients that are used in food and feed processing and are listed in the Annex of the normative document

No	Commercial name	Active substance				Safety list/technical list accompanying the product	Non-GMO declaration	Laboratory report on content of heavy metals in certain products listed in the Annex of the normative act
		Name	CAS	Origin	Concentration			
1.								
2.								
3.								

Table 1.4 Own biodynamic preparations (macerates, mixtures etc)

No	Preparation	Ingredients	Method of preparation of the product
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	Name of ingredient	Origin of ingredient	Concentration	and the reason of its use
1.				

Producer's signature: _____ Date: _____

FILLED IN BY ECOVIVENDI:

Conditions for derogation fulfilled Derogation possible upon fulfilment of conditions Derogation is not possible

Explanation:

Signature: _____ Decision date: _____

Product approval application

PART I (filled in by the client)

Name of the operator: _____ Name of the product: _____ (commercial name)

Certification scheme: ZOP EPOS Type of product: plant animal miscellaneous

Product category: food feedstuff Product group: dietetic baby food

List of ingredients in 100 kg of product

Ingredient	Of agricultural/synthetic origin	Quantity (kg,l)	% Share	Status
Total weight			100%	The status shall be written only for ingredients of agricultural origin O-organic status; C-conversion; K-conventional status

USE OF PROCESSING AIDS

Name of the product	Reason of use

Description and type of packaging:

Product label text:

Short description of the technological process:

Client's signature _____ Date of application: _____

PART II (filled in by ECOVIVENDI)

The product contains ingredients of agricultural origin, after deduction of water and salt:

The product contains conventional ingredients

The product contains organic ingredients:

The product contains authorized ingredients yes no

If the answer is "no", list the ingredients:

Authorized processing aids are used in the production, yes no

Annex 12

Application for authorization of organic product labelling

No	COMMERCIAL NAME OF THE PRODUCT ¹	PRODUCT STATUS ORGANIC / IN CONVERSION ²	INDIVIDUAL PACKAGING ³			COLLECTIVE PACKAGING ⁴		
			NET QUANTITY OF THE PACKAGE	TOTAL QUANTITY PLANNED ⁶	NUMBER OF LABELS ⁷	NET QUANTITY OF THE PACKAGE ⁵	TOTAL QUANTITY PLANNED ⁶	NUMBER OF LABELS ⁷
1.								
2.								
3.								
4.								
5.								
6.								
7.								
8.								

Instructions for filling in the table:

- 1) Commercial name of the product - the name under which the product is placed on the market;
 - 2) Product status - whether the product is organic or in conversion (if the product is in conversion, only a single-component product of plant origin shall be labelled);
 - 3) Individual packaging – packaging in which the product is packaged;
 - 4) Collective packaging - packaging containing two or more individual packages identical by quantity and content;
 - 5) Net quantity of the package - quantity of filling, or quantity of product before being filled into individual / collective packaging and expressed with a number and a unit of volume/mass (ml / l / g / kg);
 - 6) Total quantities planned - quantities included in the packaging plan and expressed with a number and a unit of volume/mass (ml/l/g/kg);
- Number of labels – total number of requested labels (***IMPORTANT NOTICE: The number of requested labels may be 10% higher than the number of labels actually needed.***)

Note: Please enclose the label design to the application.