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Favorites list in Traces – NOP shipments - EU organic: End of the delegated act (EU) 2024/3095 – Kiwa Academy – Biofach Saudi Arabia

Dear valued customers,

today we want to inform you that by 15th October any product covered by a documentary evidence (certificate) issued under EU Equivalence is no longer in compliance.

Furthermore there is a change Reconditioning Procedures for Organic Shipments Without a NOP Import Certificate (NOPIC). We cordially invite you to our next Kiwa Academy on 6th of November and would be happy meeting you in person at Biofach Saudi Arabia.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

1 NEW FEATURE IN TRACES: FAVORITES LIST FOR CERTIFICATES

TRACES now offers the option of creating a personal favorites list for certificates. This feature makes it easier to quickly access frequently used certificates and is available to the following companies and market participants:

- Operatorsthat are exempt from the certification requirement in accordance with Article 35(8) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848
- Operators that are exempt from the reporting requirement in accordance with Article 34(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848
- Certified operators



You can find out how to create such a favorites list in the step-by-step instructions in Appendix 1.

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2 IMPORTANT: CERTIFIED ORGANIC SHIPMENTS ARRIVING IN THE U.S. WITHOUT A VALID NOPIC CAN NO LONGER BE RECONDITIONED.

Change in Reconditioning Procedures for Organic Shipments Without a NOP Import Certificate (NOPIC).

Effective October 1, 2025, certified organic shipments arriving in the U.S. without a valid NOPIC can no longer be reconditioned. Such shipments must be handled immediately in one of three ways:



- **Reexport**

- Importer must retain a copy of the CBP 7512 form and Export Booking Confirmation.
- Provide documents to USDA and, if applicable, to the importer's certifier upon request.
- Customs broker/filer must use code 010-420-L in the ACE OR 2 message set.

- **Donation**

- Only certified importers may donate such shipments.
- Donations allowed only to charities, nonprofits, or similar entities.
- Importer must keep electronic documentation of the donation and provide it to USDA and certifier upon request.
- Customs broker/filer must use code 010-420-L in the ACE OR 2 message set.

- **Destruction**

- Importer may choose destruction.
- Must obtain an official CBP Certificate of Destruction.
- Certificate must be maintained electronically and provided to USDA upon request.

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- Certified importers must also provide it to their certifier.
- Customs broker/filer must use code 010-420-L in the ACE OR 2 message set.

3 EU ORGANIC: END OF THE DELEGATED ACT (EU) 2024/3095

The key points of the act includes:

“By way of derogation from Article 16 of this Regulation, where the certification in accordance with Article 9(10) and Article 10 of this Regulation and with Article 1 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1378() by the relevant control authority or control body of operators and groups of operators in third countries is pending on 31 December 2024, the verification by that control authority or control body of consignments intended for import into the Union of those operators and groups of operators shall be done with regard to the compliance with the rules referred to in Article 33(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007(**) until 15 October 2025.”*



*“The documentary evidence¹ issued before 31 December 2024 by control authorities and control bodies recognized in accordance with Article 33(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 to the operators and groups of operators whose certification referred to in paragraph 1 is pending on 31 December 2024, shall remain valid until the end of their validity period but not beyond 15 October 2025.”**

Implications for your organic certification activities:

- By 15th October this delegated act ends, it means that any product covered by a documentary evidence issued under Equivalence is no longer in compliance.
- From 16th October on, Kiwa BCS cannot issue COIS if any of the operators' part of the supply chain for that COI has not a valid certificate under Compliance, meaning issued accordingly on TRACES.
- Any transaction made before 15th October based on the documentary evidence is valid. However, Kiwa BCS has the right of verifying them to ensure the issuance of a COI after 15th October.

¹ Documentary evidence = Certificate/Master certificate

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- If a COI has been issued until 15th October based on documentary evidence and unfortunately will require a replacement afterwards, the system will require that all operators mentioned in that COI have a valid TRACES certificate.

Therefore, if you have recently requested COIs and the consignment has not reached Europe yet, please be sure that there is not missing data, that all documents or information has been uploaded. If not, then please send that immediately and be sure of having everything complete to avoid problems after 15th October.

The staff in charge of COIS and transaction certificates are informed, and they can guide you through this final transition from Equivalence to Compliance.

4 KIWA BCS AT BIOFACH SAUDI ARABIA

Kiwa BCS will once again be represented with its own booth at BIOFACH in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia this year.

If you or your business partners will be there, we look forward to welcoming you to the German Pavilion.

BIOFACH Saudi Arabia will take place from November 10 to 12, 2025, at the Riyadh International Convention & Exhibition Center.

Come and visit us – we look forward to talking to you in person!



We are looking forward to your visit at our booth at the German Pavilion



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5 KIWA ACADEMY – THE NEXT WEBINAR WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 6, 2025

The Kiwa Academy offers various training courses in the field of organic and sustainability certification. Our training courses are based on more than 30 years of practical experience in certifying sustainable practices. Experts from Kiwa BCS Öko-Garantie GmbH provide practical and understandable information on various legal requirements, control procedures, and examples from the industry. Take advantage of our know-how to strengthen your team, master a certification process, or enter the organic market.

If you would like a specific topic that goes beyond our regular offering, we are happy to provide a customized webinar or on-site seminar upon request.



 Current 2025 training courses at the Kiwa Academy

The general training dates and webinars are updated on an ongoing basis.

- November 6, 2025 - Professional handling of suspicion cases and residue cases (English webinar) – the registration can be found in the annex and here: [Webinar - Professional Handling of Suspicion Cases and Residue Cases](#)

Kind regards,

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If you have any queries or general questions about the control procedures, we will be happy to help you during our office hours by telephone (+49 911 42439 - EXT) or all day by e-mail.

On our website you will find the current versions of relevant documents, in particular for the preparation of the inspection.

- <https://www.kiwa.com/de/en/downloads-kiwa-bcs/important-documents-for-your-organic-certification/>

Office hours (Central European Time)

Monday to Thursday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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