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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations

Subject: Organic production: negotiations with third countries on equivalence
recognition
- Presentation by the Commission
- Exchange of views

Delegations will find in Annex a note from the Commission services on the above-mentioned subject to be dealt with at the meeting of the Special Committee on Agriculture on 5 December 2022.

The negotiating directives attached to Council Decision (EU) 2021/1345 authorising the opening of negotiations on agreements on trade in organic products between the European Union and Argentina, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, India, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Tunisia and the United States of America provide that before initiating negotiations with the third countries concerned, the Commission shall inform the Special Committee on Agriculture of the Council of the European Union, and update it regularly on their progress.

Further information on the currently applicable unilateral recognitions is provided in Annex. Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Tunisia, the Republic of Korea and the United States have also recognised unilaterally the EU as having an equivalent system to their own.

Information will be provided by the Commission on the preparatory work carried out and the suggested approach and timelines for carrying out the negotiations. The members of the SCA will be kept regularly updated on the progress of the negotiations.

Argentina

Category of products		Limitations
Unprocessed plant products	A	-
Live animals or unprocessed animal products	B	-
Processed agricultural products for use as food (wine, yeast not included)	D	-
Vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation	F	-

Origin: products of categories A, B and F that have been grown in Argentina and products of category D processed in Argentina with organically grown ingredients that have been grown in Argentina.

Australia

Category of products		Limitations
Unprocessed plant products	A	
Processed agricultural products for use as food (wine, yeast not included)	D	Composed essentially of one or more ingredients of plant origin
Vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation	F	-

Origin: products of categories A and F that have been grown in Australia and products of category D processed in Australia with organically grown ingredients that have been grown in Australia.

¹ COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/2325 of 16 December 2021 establishing, pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council, the list of third countries and the list of control authorities and control bodies that have been recognised under Article 33(2) and (3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 for the purpose of importing organic products into the Union, OJ L 465 of 29/12/2021.

Canada

Category of products		Limitations
Unprocessed plant products	A	-
Live animals or unprocessed animal products	B	-
Processed agricultural products for use as food	D	-
Processed agricultural products for use as feed	E	-
Vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation	F	-

Origin: products of category A, B and F that have been grown in Canada and products of category D and E processed in Canada with organically grown ingredients that have been grown in Canada or that have been imported into Canada in accordance with the Canadian legislation.

Costa Rica

Category of products		Limitations
Unprocessed plant products	A	
Processed agricultural products for use as food (wine and yeast not included)	D	Processed plant products only
Vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation	F	-

Origin: products of categories A and F that have been grown in Costa Rica and products of category D processed in Costa Rica with organically grown ingredients that have been grown in Costa Rica.

Israel

Category of products or products		Limitations
Unprocessed plant products	A	-
Processed agricultural products for use as food (wine and yeast not included)	D	Composed essentially of one or more ingredients of plant origin
Vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation	F	-

Origin: products of category A and F that have been grown in Israel and products of category D processed in Israel with organically grown ingredients that have been grown in Israel or that have been imported into Israel either from the Union or from a third country in the framework of a regime which is recognised as equivalent in accordance with Article 33(2) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.

India

Category of products or products		Limitations
Unprocessed plant products	A	-
Vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation	F	-

Origin: products of categories A and F that have been grown in India.

Japan

Category of products		Limitations
Unprocessed plant products	A	-
Processed agricultural products for use as food (wine not included)	D	Composed essentially of one or more ingredients of plant origin

Origin: products of category A that have been grown in Japan and products of category D processed in Japan with organically grown ingredients that have been grown in Japan or that have been imported into Japan either from the Union or from a third country for which Japan has recognised that the products have been produced and controlled in that third country in accordance with rules equivalent to those laid down in the Japanese legislation.

Republic of Korea

Category of products		Limitations
Processed agricultural products for use as food	D	-

Origin: products of category D processed in the Republic of Korea with organically grown ingredients that have been grown in the Republic of Korea or that have been imported into the Republic of Korea either from the Union or from a third country for which the Republic of Korea has recognised that the products have been produced and controlled in that third country in accordance with the rules equivalent to those laid down in the legislation of the Republic of Korea.

New Zealand

Category of products		Limitations
Unprocessed plant products	A	-
Live animals or unprocessed animal products	B	-
Processed agricultural products for use as food (yeast not included)	D	-
Vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation	F	-

Origin: products of category A, B and F that have been grown in New Zealand and products of category D processed in New Zealand with organically grown ingredients that have been grown in New Zealand or that have been imported into New Zealand either from the Union, or from a third country in the framework of a regime which is recognised as equivalent in accordance with Article 33(2) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, or from a third country whose rules of production and inspection have been recognised as equivalent by New Zealand and provided that only organically produced ingredients intended to be incorporated, up to a maximum of 5 % of products of agricultural origin, in products of category D prepared in New Zealand are imported.

Tunisia

Category of products		Limitations
Unprocessed plant products	A	-
Processed agricultural products for use as food (wine and yeast not included)	D	Composed essentially of one or more ingredients of plant origin
Vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation	F	-

Origin: products of categories A and F that have been grown in Tunisia and products of category D processed in Tunisia with organically grown ingredients that have been grown in Tunisia.

United States

Product categories

Category of products or products		Limitations
Unprocessed plant products	A	-
Live animals or unprocessed animal products	B	-
Processed agricultural products for use as food	D	-
Processed agricultural products for use as feed	E	-
Vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation	F	-

Origin: products of categories A, B and F and organically grown ingredients in products of categories D and E that have been grown in the United States, or have been imported into the United States and processed or packaged in the United States in accordance with US legislation.