



FOOD LABELLING ORGANIC PRODUCTS REGULATIONS

This leaflet is a brief summary of the law, and the information contained in it is only advisory. Individual food businesses are responsible for checking how the Regulations apply in practice. Further details can be obtained from Trafford Council's Public Protection Service, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford. M32 0YJ. Telephone number: 0161 912 4918

WHAT DOES THIS LEAFLET COVER

The use of the term 'organic' when used to describe fruit, vegetables, or manufacture of goods of plant origin.

The leaflet does not apply to meat or meat products produced by organic methods. For further information on these types of products you should seek advice from the above department.

WHAT DOES 'ORGANIC' MEAN?

The term 'organic' relates to a particular method of agricultural production, it does not guarantee that a product is free from residues, contaminants, etc.

WHEN CAN 'ORGANIC' BE USED?

The requirements vary according to the type of product, but in general the following rules apply:

- ✘ The producer must be licensed and inspected by one of the bodies listed below. As from 1st January 1997 the relevant inspection body must be specified.
- ✘ Stringent rules of production must be adhered to.
- ✘ It must be made clear that the term "organic" relates to the method of agricultural production, not to the product itself (e.g. organically grown carrots).

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROCESSED PRODUCTS

The rules vary according to whether the claim is made in the name of the food or elsewhere on the packaging.

If the reference to organic production methods is part of the name of the food: 95% of the ingredients of agricultural origin must have been produced in accordance with the rules.

The remaining ingredients must be permitted ingredients. Certain treatments are not allowed (e.g. irradiation).

If the reference is made elsewhere on the packaging: 70% of the ingredients of agricultural origin must have been produced in accordance with the rules.

The remaining ingredients must be permitted ingredients.

Certain treatments are not allowed (e.g. irradiation).

The reference to organic production methods must appear in the same field of vision as the name of the food (but no more prominently than the name itself) and in the ingredients list (no more prominently than the rest of the list). The reference(s) in the ingredients list must be clearly associated with those products which were produced in accordance with the rules.

The claim must be in the form “X% of the agricultural ingredients were produced in accordance with the rules of organic production”.

WHEN CAN THE E.C. LOGO BE USED?

The logo “Organic Farming – EC Control System” may be used where:

- 1) The above rules are observed and either:
 - ⊗ The goods are sold by the producer directly to the end user and clearly identified as to which items the statement refers, or
 - ⊗ The goods are prepackage and sealed securely.
- 2) The producer may not suggest that this logo is a guarantee of superior quality.

ORGANIC FARMING

APPROVED UK CERTIFICATION BODIES				
<u>Name</u>	<u>Code</u> (see note 1)	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone/Fax</u>	<u>Email</u>
<u>United Kingdom Register of Organic Food Standards (UKROFS)</u>	<u>UK1</u> See Note <u>2</u>			
<u>Organic Farmers and Growers Ltd</u>	<u>UK2</u>	The Elim Centre Lancaster Road Shrewsbury Shropshire SY1 3LE	Tel: 01743 440512 Fax: 01743 461441	Email: Infor@organicfarmer.uk.com Website www.organicfarmers.uk.com
<u>Scottish Organic Producers Association</u>	<u>UK3</u>	Scottish Organic Centre 10 th Avenue Royal Highland Centre Ingliston Edinburgh EH28 8NF	Tel: 0131 335 6606 Fax: 0131 335 6607	Email: Sopa@sfqc.co.uk Website: www.sopa.org.uk
<u>Organic Food Federation</u>	<u>UK4</u>	31 Turbine Way Eco Tech Business Park Swaffham Norfolk PE37 7XD	Tel: 01760 7204444 Fax: 01760 720790	Email: Info@orgfoodfed.com Website www.orgfoodfed.com

<u>Soil Association Certification Ltd</u>	<u>UK5</u>	<u>Bristol House</u> <u>40-56 Victoria Street</u> <u>Bristol</u> <u>BS1 6BY</u>	<u>Farmers and Growers:</u> <u>Tel: 0117 914 2406</u> <u>Processors:</u> <u>Tel: 0117 914 2407</u> <u>Fax: 0117 925 2504</u>	<u>Email:</u> <u>Farmers and Growers:</u> <u>Prod.cert@soilassociation.org</u> <u>Processors:</u> <u>Proc.cert@soilassociation.org</u> <u>Website:</u> <u>www.soilassociation.org</u>
<u>Bio-Dynamic Agricultural Association</u>	<u>UK6</u>	<u>The Painswick Inn Project</u> <u>Gloucester Street</u> <u>Stroud</u> <u>GL5 1QG</u>	<u>Tel: 01453 759501</u> <u>Fax: 01453 759501</u>	<u>Email:</u> <u>Bdaa@biodynamic.freeserve.co.uk</u>
<u>Irish Organic Farmers and Growers Association</u>	<u>UK7</u>	<u>Harbour Building</u> <u>Harbour Road</u> <u>Kilbeggan</u> <u>Co Westmeath</u> <u>Republic of Ireland</u>	<u>Tel: 00353 506 32563</u> <u>Fax: 00353 506 32063</u>	<u>Email:</u> <u>lofga@eircom.ne</u>
<u>Food Certification (Scotland) Ltd</u> Organic certification of armed salmon in the UK	<u>See Note 3</u>	<u>Findhorn House</u> <u>Dochfour Business Centre</u> <u>Dochgarroch</u> <u>Inverness</u> <u>IV3 8GY</u>	<u>Tel: 0870 286 2860</u> <u>Fax: 0870 286 2861</u>	<u>Email:</u> <u>Martin.gill@foodcertificationscotland.com</u> <u>Website:</u> <u>www.foodcertificationscotland.com</u>
<u>Organic Trust Limited</u>	<u>UK9</u>	<u>Vernon House</u> <u>2 Vernon Avenue</u> <u>Clontarf</u> <u>Dublin 3</u> <u>Republic of Ireland</u>	<u>Tel: 00353 185 30271</u> <u>Fax: 00353 185 30271</u>	<u>Email:</u> <u>Organic@iol.ie</u>
<u>Cmi Certification</u>	<u>UK10</u>	<u>Long Hanborough</u> <u>Oxford</u> <u>OX29 8LH</u>	<u>Tel: 01993 885651</u> <u>Fax: 01993 885611</u>	<u>Email:</u> <u>Enquiries@cmicertification.com</u>
<u>International Certification Service (GB)Ltd</u> trading as <u>Farm Verified Organic</u>	<u>UK11</u> <u>See Note 5</u>			
<u>Organic Certification Ltd</u>	<u>UK12</u> <u>See Note 4</u>			
<u>Quality Welsh Food Certification Ltd</u>	<u>UK13</u>	<u>Gorseland</u> <u>NorthRoad</u> <u>Aberystwyth</u> <u>Ceredigion</u> <u>SY23 2WB</u>	<u>Tel: 01970 636688</u>	<u>Email:</u> <u>Mossj@wfsagri.net</u>
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Notes:

1. The identifying code of the certifier must be used in the labelling of certified organic products; for example "Organic Certification:UK 1". This does not prevent the use of the name, initials or logo of the certifier being used in addition.
2. UKROFS, the certification scheme has now ended.

3. A number has not been allocated to Food Certification (Scotland)Ltd because although there are recognised private standards (as allowed by EC Regulations)fish products are not yet covered by EC rules.
4. In the process of merging with Organic Farmers and Growers (UK2).
5. ICS(GB) Ltd is no longer certifying.