

Important notification about TRACES COI for export of organic products to the EU

Dear exporters of certified organic products

This is to inform you that a new Regulation amending Reg. (EC) 1235/2008 was published on 14 January 2020. We have attached a copy of the regulation. You can also access the regulation at https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2020.008.01.0018.01.ENG&toc=OJ:L:2020:008:TOC

Please note there is a change in the regulation re TRACES COIs as below:

(2) in Article 13(2), the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘The certificate of inspection shall be issued by the relevant control authority or control body **before the consignment leaves the third country of export or origin**. It shall be endorsed by the relevant Member State’s competent authority and completed by the first consignee on the basis of the model and the notes set out in Annex V and using the electronic Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) established by Commission Decision 2003/24/EC (*).’

Please note you amend your systems to;

1. Notify your importer in the EU of the change
2. Provide adequate and correct information to obtain COI through the TRACES portal prior to the departure of consignment
3. Make sure you allow sufficient time for ACO to issue the COI along with your OPC (Organic Produce Certificate) in time, prior to departure date.

As per the regulation, the above requirement is applicable from 03 February 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

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