

# CUSTOMER INFORMATION 24-10

30 AUGUST 2024

KIWA BCS ÖKO-GARANTIE GMBH  
TRANSITION TO COMPLIANCE EU 2018/848



Dear valued operators,

**Kiwa BCS ÖKO Garantie GmbH** as your control body is committed to keeping you informed about important regulatory changes and upcoming requirements that impact your organic certification. Please carefully review the following updates:

## 1 DELEGATED ACT C (2024)5329 IN COMMISSION ADOPTION SINCE 29 JULY 2024

On July 29, 2024, the European Commission issued Delegated Act C (2024)5329, which contains significant provisions regarding the validity of documentary evidence for organic certification. Key points of the act include:

*"The documentary evidence<sup>1</sup> 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 certification:

- **Validity Extension:** Any documentary evidence issued by recognized control authorities (bodies) before December 31, 2024, will remain valid until the original expiration date or until October 15, 2025, whichever comes first.
- **Action Required:** Please ensure that all your certification documents comply with this new provision to avoid any disruptions in your certification status.

## 2 COMMENCEMENT OF INSPECTIONS UNDER EU REGULATION 2018/848

The following information is only relevant to operators that has not been or will not be (inspection date not scheduled yet) assessed under EU Equivalence until October 31, 2024.

Effective **November 1, 2024**, **Kiwa BCS ÖKO-Garantie GmbH** will start inspections in accordance with **Regulation (EU) 2018/848** on organic production and labelling. Annual inspections in accordance with Regulation (EU) 834/2007 will stop and are not possible anymore. These inspections aim to ensure ongoing compliance with EU organic standards and to uphold the integrity of the organic market.

<sup>1</sup> Documentary evidence = Certificate/Master certificate

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## What this means for you:

- **Inspection Schedule:** Inspections will begin from November 1, 2024. You will receive specific scheduling details from Kiwa BCS Service Team.
- **Preparation:** Ensure that all practices, records, and documentation are up-to-date and compliant with EU Regulation 2018/848 to facilitate a smooth inspection process.

## 3 TRANSITION PERIOD

If you haven't received an annual on-site-inspection for the running year 2024 yet, **please ensure that your annual audit for the running year 2024 can be conducted by our auditors according to your current contract and Regulation (EU) 834/2007 (= BCS Organic Production Standard) LATEST till October 31, 2024!**

**Rescheduling the already scheduled annual inspection dates prior November 1, 2024, just receive certification according to 2018/848 cannot be allowed.**

After your audit according to BCS Organic Production Standard we will issue a certificate valid until October 15, 2025, if your company is in alliance with the requirements of the standard without any critical non-conformities. It is very important that all inspection documents are immediately presented to Kiwa BCS Team to start the certification process as soon as possible. Kiwa BCS is allowed to publish master organic certificates according to Regulation (EU) 834/2007 ONLY till December 31, 2024. **As of January 1, 2025, we are no longer allowed to issue certificates under the old regulation.** In 2025 please ensure that the annual on-site-inspection can be done by our auditors in a time slot which enables us to issue a certificate for your company before the certificate based on the inspection 2024 runs out. There is NO possibility for control bodies to prolong certificates created according to Regulation (EU) 834/2007 after 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025!

## 4 INFORMATION ABOUT ANNUAL ON-SITE INSPECTIONS FROM 2025 ON - REMINDER

As part of our certification maintenance requirements, **ALL certified operators must undergo at least one on-site inspection each calendar year.** Depending on the risk of your operation or other additional factors your operation might be visited again and/or a sample taking might be scheduled.

The implementation of EU Compliance will bring an additional change. **Kiwa BCS ÖKO-Garantie GmbH** will homologate the validity of the certification date to all their certified operators in order to ensure that your operation is cover the whole calendar year, therefore this date should not be used as reference of when your operation must be assessed but instead **Kiwa BCS ÖKO-Garantie GmbH** will plan the visit at the most appropriate times in order to verify compliance on critical control points.

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### Key points:

- **Frequency:** Minimum of one on-site inspection per calendar year.
- **Physical on-the-spot inspection:** Inspections must be conducted at your physical location to assess compliance accurately.
- **Scheduling annual inspections:** Please coordinate with your assigned Kiwa BCS service team to arrange your annual inspection to ensure, that an annual inspection can be conducted by our auditors.

Contact your Kiwa BCS Team as soon as possible if you have not had an inspection in 2024 and if there is no inspection date scheduled yet. Don't forget **inspections according to Regulation (EU) 834/2007 will be possible ONLY till OCTOBER 31, 2024!** After this date, we will conduct inspections only under the Regulation (EU) 2018/848.

Provide all inspection documents in the best manner possible to ensure we can support you with the certificate. Also take care of non-conformities. Send evidence immediately.

We understand that these regulatory changes and inspection requirements may bring challenges. Kiwa BCS is fully committed to supporting you through this transition. Our team is ready to provide guidance, Webinars, answer any questions, and offer the necessary assistance to ensure a smooth and successful compliance process.

We appreciate your trust in Kiwa BCS and are committed to supporting your business with the highest level of service. For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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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. All contact details can be found on our website, too: <https://www.kiwa.com/de/en/about-kiwa/subsidiaries/contact-persons-kiwa-bcs-oko-garantie-gmbh/>

## Office hours (Central European Time)

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am to 16:00pm

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**Service: OSP updates, company name/ address change/ tour-planning/ submission of documents for correction of NCF (non-conformities)**



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