

Information sheet II

Generally required identification elements when labelling organic products ordered by third parties

This regulation is proposed for those labelling operations where the labelling is commissioned by third parties.

Example: A retail chain (or trader) subcontracts the labelling with the trade mark and/or the name of the retail chain or trader on the labels to a processing plant. The retail chain is inspected by inspection body X or isn't inspected at all. The processor is inspected by inspection body Y. The processor carries out the actual physical final processing steps and should remain anonymous on the labels. The legal or here described non-physical processing step of the retail chain (or trader) is the order for labelling. Now the question is, of which inspection body the code number has to be on the labels.

The general requirements remain unchanged:

- The usual trade name should be mentioned with the organic indication (as an abbreviation (that is common for "organic" in the respective country). For better understanding also the long indication "from organic production" may be added.
 - e.g.: **organic** apple/carrot juice
 - or **(abbreviation for organic)** apple/carrot juice **from organic production**
 - or **apple/carrot juice from organic production**
- In the list of ingredients (if generally required) must be indicated, which ingredients are organic. This indication can be done with the organic reference (as an abbreviation that is common in the respective country) and/or with the written entire reference to the organic production method ("from organic production"), e.g. usual indication with a "*".
 - e.g.: **ingredients from organic production***: apple juice*, carrot juice*, citric acid
 - or **(abbreviation for organic) ingredients***: apple juice*, carrot juice*, citric acid

Regulation for the form of the inspection body code number on the labels

The actual final processor may remain anonymous but the code number of his inspection body and the indication of origin must always be given on two lines one below the other. Ideally these two-line indication should be placed directly next to the EU organic logo but must be placed in the same field of vision as the EU organic logo.

Further code numbers of inspection bodies of distributors or trading companies may be indicated if this indication is not misleading for the consumer. This can be done, for example, by entering the code number immediately after the the trader's address. Or an explanatory text can be added like "Trader is inspected by AT-BIO-301".

Detailed example: Label for pumpkin seeds – the company commissioning the labelling is inspected by AT-BIO-301 (Austria Bio Garantie) and the processor is inspected by AT-BIO-902 (SGS-Austria Controll-Co).

 AT-BIO-902 Non-EU Agriculture	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Organic Pumpkin Seeds</h2> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>from organic production</i></p>	Produced for: Trading company ABC Sample Street 123 1234 Sample City inspected by AT-BIO-301
Net quantity: 5 kg		
Trader inspected by: AT-BIO-301		Best before: 18/09/2021