

Information sheet 1:
Generally required labeling elements when labeling organic products +
obligatory specifications

When labeling organic products, one has to meet the general food labeling regulations plus the following declaration requirements according to Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 in the current version:

- The customary objective term for organic production should be used with the abbreviation that is common for “organic” in the respective country. For better understanding also the long indication “from organic production” can be used.
 - 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 required) it has to be clear which ingredients were produced organic. This declaration has to be done with the **indication “from organic production”** and/or with the **abbreviation** that is customary in the respective countries.
 - e.g.: ingredients from organic production*: apple juice*, carrot juice*, citric acid
 - or (abbreviation for organic) ingredients*: apple juice*, carrot juice*, citric acid

Obligatory declaration:

Labels of “pre-packed products¹” that are generated after 2010/07/01 have to include the **EU organic logo**, the **code-number** of the control body and also the **declaration of origin** (= the location where the basic product/raw material was produced), as described in regulation (EC) No 834/2007, article 24. The code number of the control body and the declaration of origin have to be written in two lines under or at least in the same field of vision of the EU organic logo. For instance:



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EU agriculture or non-EU agriculture or EU / non-EU agriculture or e.g. Austrian agriculture

Combined EU organic logo and ABG logo

We also offer graphic versions of a combined EU organic logo and ABG logo that are stacked or arranged side by side, as well as colored ones and black/white ones with different options concerning the origin of the product (*EU agriculture, non-EU agriculture, EU/non-EU agriculture or e.g. Austrian agriculture*).



1) According to guide line 2000/13/EG, article 1,(3)b: “pre packed food”: sale unit, which is intended to be given to the end-consumer or to collaborative facilities without additional processing; consists of food and packaging, in which the food is packed before it is offered, no matter if the packaging covers the food entirely, but the packaging has to make sure that the content cannot be manipulated or moved without opening or manipulating the packaging.

You can download those graphic versions from our homepage www.abg.at.

The EU organic logo has to measure at least 9 mm in height and 13,5 mm in width. The relation between height and width has to be 1:1,5. When the package is very small it can be scaled down to a height of only 6 mm by way of exception. You can also look at LMIV [VO (EU) 1169/2011, article 16 (2)]², if you want to define a small package. In the EU-organic regulation there is no definition of what is considered as a very small package. Therefore ABG recommends to keep up the size 9 mm and 13,5 mm.

Caution – non product specific usage of the logo is (according to our state of knowledge) allowed for the purpose of advertising and on product accompanying documents. The EU organic logo may not be used on the following products and their labels:

- *Fertilizers and seeds*
- *“Products that are from agriculture in conversion to organic agriculture”*
- *Organic products that contain less than 95% ingredients from organic production*
- *Organic products from hunt and fishery*
- *Organic products that are regulated only by national law or private standards (e.g. organic cosmetic products)*
- *“Wine from organic grapes”*

For all other labels (e.g. for labels of organic products for further processing like big bags, ...) the EU organic logo does not have to be used. However, the code-number of the control body has to be included (e.g.: “AT-BIO-301”).

It is recommended to include also a declaration of origin (place of origin of the basic products / raw material) like described in regulation (EC) No 834/2007, article 24.

If the EU organic logo gets used voluntarily there has to be the code number and the declaration of origin included. This additional obligatory declaration has to be written one below the other and shall ideally be placed as near as possible to the EU organic logo. It has to be at least in the same field of vision (Caution: the EU organic logo may only be used for the organic products that are defined in the regulation (EG) No 834/2007 (article 23 (4)(a))).

Additionally the signet of Austria Bio Garantie can be used:



2) For packages or containers with at least 10 cm² surface are only data which are recorded in the article 9 paragraph 1 letter a, c, e and f on the package or label obligated. The data from article 9 paragraph 1 letter should be done in another way or offered the consumer if he wishes.