

**The organic import regime under Articles 32 and 33 of the Council Regulation 834/2007 and Commission Regulation 1235/2008**

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<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Can be imported if..</b>	<b>Action by EC Commission / Defra</b>	<b>At UK Ports</b>
<b>New category</b>	<b>Direct Access</b>	...import is of totally compliant products guaranteed by approved organic inspection / control bodies applying standards fully compliant with EC organic Regulation and each accredited to EN45011 or ISO65	A list of recognised organic inspection / control bodies applying standards fully compliant with EC834/2007 and Commission Regulation 1235/2008	If import involves fully compliant control body from list the Port Health Authority will allow product in.  A Certificate of Inspection is <u>not</u> required to be presented to the port, but it is likely that the certificate of the final certified operator in the third country will need to be presented instead
<b>New category</b>	<b>Equivalent Countries</b>	...place of origin is on list of equivalent countries	A list of third countries drawn up and made available to Port Health Authorities (current list will almost certainly operate)	If import is from equivalent country Port Health Authority will allow product in (this currently involves Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, India, Israel, New Zealand and Switzerland). A Certificate of Inspection (or updated version of) must be presented to the port
<b>New category</b>	<b>Equivalent Operators</b>	...import is of product controlled by recognised organic inspection / control bodies applying equivalent standards	A list of recognised third country organic inspection / control bodies is drawn up	If import involves a recognised inspection / control body from the list the Port Health Authority will allow product in. A Certificate of Inspection (or updated version of) must be presented to the port
<b>Transitional measure</b>	Imports covered by an authorisation issued by Defra	... the import of the product is covered by an authorisation issued by Defra	A transitional measure* to allow Defra to continue issuing authorisations until the above lists have been established	If import is from a third country which is required to obtain a Defra authorisation. A Certificate of Inspection (or updated version of) and a Defra authorisation must be presented to the port

\*Because it will take some time to fully establish the lists of organic control bodies foreseen by Article 32 and 33 of the Council Regulation 834/2007 the existing system of permitting Member States to issue authorisations to import organic produce from third countries remains in place as a transitional measure. For guidance document on implementing Commission Regulation 1235/2008 see link: [www.defra.gov.uk/FARM/organic/imports/pdf/1235-2008.pdf](http://www.defra.gov.uk/FARM/organic/imports/pdf/1235-2008.pdf)