

BDA Organic Certification



Guidance note - Labelling of Organic Products

To label food as organic it must be certified by an accredited organic certification body. The requirements for products to be labelled as organic are as follows:

- At least 95% of the agricultural ingredients are certified organic (and all ingredients that **can be organic must be organic**).
- The other ingredients (including allowed additives) can only come from the approved list in Annex IX of the BDA Organic Processing Standards.
- Water, salt and other minerals are not declared as being organic.
- The label must clearly state which ingredients are organic as distinct from any approved non-organic.
- They should be listed in descending order of quantity.
- If it is not a certified product, there should be no indication in the descriptive text that misleads the consumer into thinking it is organic (e.g. using the phrase 'made with organic ingredients')
- The labels should also comply with UK Statutory requirements.

Label Approval

Please forward all labels for approval **before printing**. This applies to updated as well as new labels. Send your labels to the Processing Technical Officer (rswann@biodynamic.org.uk) using a dedicated form. Once approved they will be signed off and returned to you for presentation at your inspection.

MIPS/SIPS

Multi Ingredient Product Specification (MIPS) and Single Ingredient Product Specification (SIPS) forms need to be completed:

1. For each new product that requires certification (along with an up to date supplier certificate).
2. Each time there is a recipe change or a new supplier is used – again with an up to date supplier certificate.
3. The product is rebranded with a new name.

Forms are available for this purpose, which once approved are countersigned and returned to you for presentation at your inspection.

If the label also needs changing, these need to be submitted at the same time.

Statutory requirements

Labels should be also be checked by your local Trading Standards Office before printing. The most recent requirements can be found here: (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/food-labelling-giving-food-information-to-consumers>)

Using the EU Organic Logo



The EU Organic logo was introduced in 2010 as part of the EU Organic Regulations 834/2007. It must be used on all products that are certified organic. There are three components to the logo use:

1. The logo itself
2. Certifier coding
3. Country of origin of the Agricultural ingredients

Usage

- The logo can only be used where 95% of the ingredients are organically certified. It cannot be used on products with less than 95%.

Placement

- The logo can be placed on either front or back of the label.
- It must be clearly visible.
- The country of origin of the agricultural ingredients must be indicated under the certifier code and be in the same visual field as the logo.

Colours

- The specified colour is green (Pantone light green 376). However, it can be used in a black on white or white on black version where colour is not possible.

Size

- The logo should be a minimum size of 9 mm x 13.5 mm but kept in the ration of 1:1.5
- No distortion of the logo is allowed

Certifier coding

- If the product is certified by BDA Certification then the coding is GB-ORG-06.
- This must be in the same visual field as the logo.
- If the last certified operation is through another EU Certification body then their certification coding must be used.

Country of origin

- This is to indicate the country of origin of the agricultural ingredients.
- The following table summarises how these should be described.

Country of origin	
UK	UK Agriculture or EU Agriculture
EU	EU Agriculture
Outside EU	Non EU Agriculture
Mix of EU and non EU	EU/non EU Agriculture

Using the BDA Organic Logo



This has been developed by BDA Certification for use on organic products only. It should be placed alongside the EU Organic logo on either the front or the back of the package and be of the same height. No distortion of the logo is allowed.

Note: A certified operation is where there has been a change in the nature of the consumer product. This includes manufacture, blending, repackaging, relabelling.

Example

<p>Product name Greenfields Organic Muesli</p> <p>Weight Average weight</p>	 <p>The image shows a product label for 'Greenfields Organic Muesli'. At the top, the brand name 'GREENFIELDS ORGANIC MUESLI' is written in green, uppercase letters on an orange background. Below this is a photograph of a blue bowl filled with muesli, including oats, almonds, and dried fruit. At the bottom of the label, there is a red cursive-style text that reads 'Just add your favourite milk or yoghurt for a delicious breakfast'. Below the text, the weight '750g e' is printed in a small, black font.</p>
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List of Ingredients

This needs to state which ingredients are organic and which are permitted non organic.

Two options are possible:

Ingredients:

Organic **Oat** Flakes, Organic Jumbo **Oats**, Organic Sultanas, Organic Raisins, Organic Malted **Barley** Flakes, Organic Dried Banana, Flakes, Organic Sugar, Organic Palm Oil, Organic Chopped Apricots, Dried Raspberries, Organic Ground Spices, Salt.

or

Ingredients:

***Oat** Flakes, *Jumbo **Oats**, *Sultanas, *Raisins, *Malted **Barley** Flakes, *Dried Banana Flakes, *Sugar, *Palm Oil, *Chopped Apricots, Dried Raspberries, *Ground Spices, Salt.

* Certified Organic Ingredients

In this example, dried raspberries are an allowed non-organic ingredient. Salt is also allowed as an additive and should not be labelled as organic.

Allergens are indicated in **bold**.

Organic Logo



GB-ORG-06

EU / non EU Agriculture

EU/non EU Agriculture (Some ingredients are grown in the EU and some not)

GB-ORG-06 (BDA Cert coding)

BDA Certification Organic logo



Same size as EU logo and adjacent

Nutrition Facts

This is mandatory

Contact details

Full name and address of manufacturer.

'Best before' date and/or 'Use by' date

'Best before' date is to be used for products that will lose their quality in time, but will not be detrimental to health after that date.

'Use by' date is to be used on products that need to be used up by that date as they would be unsafe to eat.

INGREDIENTS

*Oat Flakes, *Jumbo Oats, *Sultanas, *Raisins, *Malted Barley Flakes, *Dried Banana Flakes, *Sugar, *Palm Oil, *Chopped Apricots, Dried Raspberries, *Ground Spices, Salt.

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Warning: This product was made in a factory that had nut products



Serving information:

Ready to eat

Add your favourite fruit and milk/ yoghurt that will give you energy for the whole morning

Storage:
Store in a dry place

Nutrition Facts	
Energy 2545kJ	
Per 100g	
Energy	2545kJ
Carbohydrate	68.0g
Protein	12.0g
Fibre	1.0g
Sugar	10.0g
Fat	0.0g
Salt	0.0g
Calcium	100mg
Iron	1.0mg
Phosphorus	100mg
Potassium	100mg
Sodium	0.0mg
Zinc	0.0mg
Copper	0.0mg
Manganese	0.0mg
Cholesterol	0.0mg
Saturated Fat	0.0g
Trans Fat	0.0g
Monounsaturated Fat	0.0g
Polyunsaturated Fat	0.0g
Omega-3	0.0g
Omega-6	0.0g

Nutritional Analysis

Good points

- Low in saturated fat
- No cholesterol
- High in calcium
- Very high in manganese
- High in iron 9%

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Best before December 2019

For more details on labelling, please refer to the BDA Certification Organic Processing Standards. These can be obtained from our website www.bdcertification.org.uk or from the Certification Office (certification@biodynamic.org.uk). The BDA Certification and EU logos can also be obtained from the Certification Office in several formats.