BDA Certification

Guidance Note for the 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.
- 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)

Labels for UK market only

- The use of BDA Certification logo is optional.
- Mandatory use of BDA Certification code GB-ORG-06 and UK statement of agricultural origin.

GB-ORG-06
UK / non UK Agriculture

Labelling for both EU & UK markets using the EU Organic Logo

- The EU Organic logo must be used on all products that are certified organic and placed on the EU market.
- Products labelled in this option will be acceptable for both the EU & UK markets.

GB-ORG-06
UK/ non UK Agriculture
EU/ Non EU Agriculture

Statement of agricultural origin when using the EU Organic logo

The EU organic logo will be optional on organic products produced in GB. However, if the logo is used the organic product must meet the EU organic rules, including labelling requirements. This includes the BDA Certification code GB-ORG-06 and EU statement of agricultural origin being placed in the same visual area of the logo.

When using the EU organic logo and 98% of the product is produced in a specific country, then a single statement of agricultural origin can meet both the UK and EU requirements, for example “UK Agriculture” or “Scottish Agriculture”.

When using the EU organic logo and **less than** 98% of the product is produced in a specific country, the label must include **both** the GB statement of agricultural origin (‘UK’ or ‘Non-UK Agriculture’) and the EU statement of agricultural origin (‘EU’ or ‘Non-EU Agriculture') separately.

EU statements of agricultural origin
EU Agriculture
Non EU Agriculture
EU/ Non EU Agriculture

UK statements of agricultural origin
UK Agriculture
Non UK Agriculture
UK/ Non UK Agriculture

Example

Product name Greenfields Organic Muesli **Weight** Average weight	

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**.

UK market only

Use of BDA Certification logo optional

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Using EU Organic Logo- for both EU & UK markets

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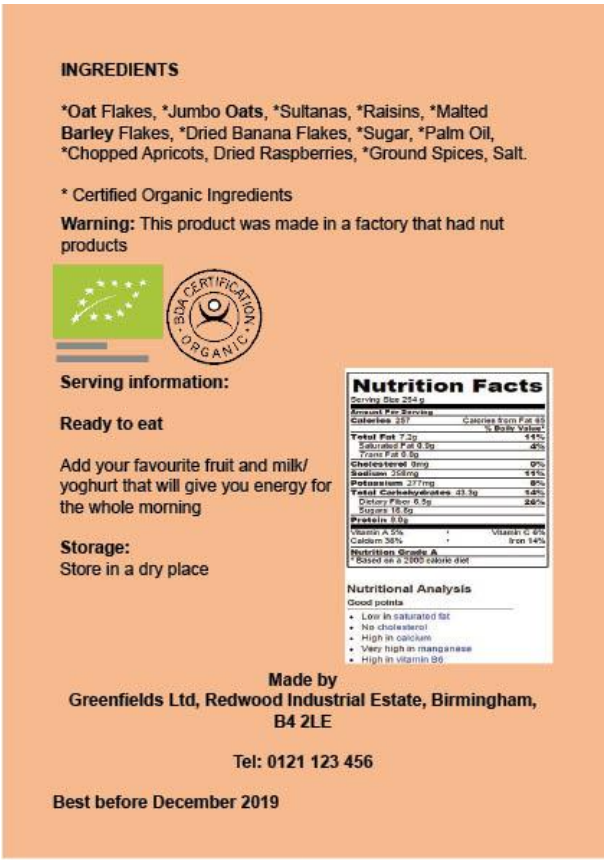
Nutrition Facts
This is mandatory

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

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* Certified Organic Ingredients

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

Nutritional Analysis
Good points
- Low in saturated fat
- No cholesterol
- High in calcium
- Very high in manganese
- High in vitamin B6

Made by
Greenfields Ltd, Redwood Industrial Estate, Birmingham, B4 2LE

Tel: 0121 123 456

Best before December 2019

Further guidance on 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 and placed on the EU market. 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.

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.