

# 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 Section 7 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').

### Statutory requirements

- The labels should also comply with UK Statutory requirements. Labels should also be checked by your local Trading Standards Office before printing. The most recent requirements can be found here: [www.gov.uk/guidance/food-labelling-giving-food-information-to-consumers](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/food-labelling-giving-food-information-to-consumers)

### Label Approval

Labels approval forms are available from our website or the office. Please send label approval forms to the office **before printing**. This applies to updated as well as new labels.

Send your label approval forms to the Certification Office ([certification@biodynamic.org.uk](mailto:certification@biodynamic.org.uk)). 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 or updated:

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.

The following labelling requirements for organic products placed on the UK market must be in place by 31 December 2023. When printing new labels, you should comply with the new labelling requirements. You must not remove or deliberately omit mandatory information.

### **Labelling requirements for organic products**

- Preferred use of BDA Certification organic logo. Colour or monochrome options available - contact the office for logo graphic files.
- Optional use of EU organic logo. If it is used, it must meet the EU rules and labelling requirements (see below- Labelling using the EU Organic Logo).
- Mandatory use of BDA Certification code 'GB-ORG-06'
- Mandatory UK statement of agricultural origin. One of:
  - 'UK agriculture' – where the agricultural raw materials were farmed in the UK
  - 'Non-UK agriculture' – where the agricultural raw materials were farmed outside of the UK.
  - 'UK and non-UK agriculture' – where part of the raw agricultural ingredients were farmed in the UK, and part of it were farmed outside the UK.
  - Option to use the name of an individual country if more that 98% of the ingredients of the product are farmed there – e.g. 'Scottish Agriculture', 'Welsh Agriculture' or 'English Agriculture'.

For example, products certified to organic BDA Certification standards may use one of:



**GB-ORG-06**  
UK agriculture



**GB-ORG-06**  
Non-UK agriculture



**GB-ORG-06**  
UK/non UK agriculture



**GB-ORG-06**  
Scottish Agriculture  
Welsh Agriculture or  
English Agriculture

### **Labelling using the EU Organic Logo**

- Preferred use of BDA Certification organic logo.
- Optional use of EU organic logo for certified organic products placed on the UK and EU market. If EU organic logo used, it *must* meet the EU rules and labelling requirements.
- If the EU organic logo is used, it is mandatory for the following to be used:
  - BDA Certification code GB-ORG-06 – must be placed within the same visual field as logo.
  - UK statement of agricultural origin, placed immediately below Certification code (GB-ORG-06). One of:
    - UK Agriculture
    - Non UK Agriculture
    - UK/ Non UK Agriculture
  - AND:**
  - EU statement of agricultural origin – must be placed within the same visual field as logo:
    - EU Agriculture
    - Non EU Agriculture
    - EU/ Non EU Agriculture
- EXCEPTIONS when using the EU organic logo:
  - Where 98% of the product is grown in one country, a single statement of agricultural origin may be used to meet both UK and EU requirements. E.g. 'Scottish Agriculture', 'Welsh Agriculture', 'English Agriculture'.

For example, products certified to organic BDA Certification standards and using the EU organic logo may use one of:



**GB-ORG-06**

UK and/or non UK Agriculture  
EU and/or Non EU Agriculture



**GB-ORG-06**

Scottish Agriculture  
Welsh Agriculture or  
English Agriculture

**For further guidance on the rules for using the EU Organic logo please see the BDA Certification Organic Processing Standards and [The organic logo \(europa.eu\)](http://www.europa.eu)**

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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](http://www.bdcertification.org.uk) or from the Certification Office ([certification@biodynamic.org.uk](mailto:certification@biodynamic.org.uk)). The BDA Certification and EU logos can also be obtained from the Certification Office in several formats.