



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Deputy Director General, in charge of Directorates A, B and C

Dear Ms Park,

Since 1 February 2015, the European Union and the Republic of Korea recognise each other's organic production rules and control systems for organic processed food products as equivalent under their respective rules.

In accordance with Article 8(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008¹, the European Union granted the recognition of equivalency to the Republic of Korea for an initial three-year period. This recognition will expire on 31 January 2018.

In view of the extension of this equivalency recognition, the European Commission services reviewed if the conditions laid down in Regulations (EC) No 834/2007² and (EC) No 1235/2008 continued to be met.

As a result of this review, the recognition of equivalency granted to the Republic of Korea has been extended for an unspecified period of time. Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 has been amended accordingly³.

Best regards,

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¹ Commission Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 of 8 December 2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries (OJ L 334, 12.12.2008, p. 25)

² Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (OJ L 189, 20.7.2007, p. 1)

³ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2329 of 14 December 2017 amending and correcting Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries (OJ L 333, 15.12.2017, p. 29)

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