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# I In compliance the requirements of EU Regulation (EU) 2018/848, 2021/1698 from the Council and the European Parliament Article 1

Information about the control body name: SIA “Sertifikācijas un testēšanas centrs” (further- STC)

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telephone number: +371 6413003

email contact point: info@stc.lv

the name of accreditation body: Valsts aģentūra “Latvijas Nacionālais akreditācijas birojs” (LATAK)

# II Description of the control body:

SIA “Sertifikācijas un testēšanas centrs” (further STC) was founded in 1911, as the first agricultural machinery equipment testing station in Baltic States. Now STC operates as a multidisciplinary company. Each sector (department) has a separate accreditation -Testing laboratory (17025), Inspection body (17020), “Atbilstības novērtēšanas nodaļa" (ANN) translation into English - CONFORMITY ASSESMENT Unit (accredited according 17065) and provides organic farming certification in Latvia and Third countries, as well as machinery equipment certification and agricultural equipment certification.

# See organization chart (Picture 1) with unit of responsibilities for Organic farming certification outside EU in the STC.

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Picture 1

Picture 1

# The management of the certification process takes place only from the Latvian head office

# The head office is responsible for the development, approval, archiving and storage of certification scheme documents. Responsible for personnel selection, training, authorization, conclusion of contracts, supervision, assignment of work tasks.

# The description of the control body structure and size:

Table 1

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Position | Name, Surname |
| 1 | CEO (member of the Board) | Anatanas Makarevičius |
| 2 | Deputy member of the board | Ieva Lāce |
| 3 | Manager of QMS | Ieva Lāce |
| 4 | Chief expert | Ieva Lāce |
| 5 | Senior expert | Inga Skrinda |
| 6 | Senior expert | Anita Rābante |
| 7 | Senior expert | Aiga Krūmiņa |
| 8 | Senior expert | Aleksandr Vovk |
| 9 | Senior expert | Kitija Dzene |
| 10 | Expert | Aleksandrs Žuikovs |
| 11 | Expert | Vasilijs Zaparņuks |
| 12 | Expert | Akuļiņins Andrejs |
| 13 | Expert | Aleksandrs Bažans |
| 14 | Expert | Kirils Huks |
| 15 | Expert | Ilja Pampurs |
| 16 | Expert | Aleksandrs Soboļevs |
| 17 | Expert | Andrey Kropatiy |
| 18 | Expert | Olga Tsibenko |
| 19 | Expert | Andrey Panasovskiy |

# Responsobilities and competencies for STC staff are described in procedure STC-R-KS-004 Personal managment procedure.

The staff involved in certification activities according with STC Quality manual, Personal managment procedure STC-R-KS-004 based on requirements ISO17065:2013:

- Manager of sector who is responsible about planning all the activities, managing the works and supervise the certification process according EU equivalence regime.

- Chief expert – main responsibilities to draw up Annual inspection plan, supervise the certification activities including review/certification/irregularities/complaints/

Investigations/carry out inspection

- Senior expert – managing review and certification activities assigned by Chief expert – review/certification/ nonconformities/ investigation/complaints/carry out inspection

- Expert – conducting the assigned inspections by Chief expert

- Manager of QMS - ISO 17065 standard monitoring, scheme management, updating, internal audits, consideration of appeals, etc.

- CEO Member of the Board - only an administrative function

- Council of conformity assessment – independent council, Requirement of ISO17065 article 5.2

# Head office is responsible for receiving certification applications, reviews, concluding contracts with operators, appointing experts, planning inspections, reviewing inspection results, making decisions, preparing certificates.’

# Competence for activities and Certification functions:

Table 2

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No | Name, Surname | Competence for activities and Certification functions | | | | | | |
| PRODUCTION | | | Preperation (import/export)  d, e, g\* | Distributions  (import/export)  a, b, d, e, f, g\* | Storage  (import/export)  a, b, d, e, f, g\* | Wine (import/  export)  f |
| Crop production (import/export)  a, g \* | Livestock (incl. Beekeeping) (import/export)  b, g \* | Aquaculture and seeweeds (import/export)  c |
| 1 | Ieva Lāce | Chief expert  Group certification | Chief expert  Group certification | Chief expert  Group certification | Chief expert  Group certification | Chief expert  Group certification | Chief expert  Group certification | Chief expert  Group certification |
| 2 | Inga Skrinda | Senior expert | Senior expert |  | Senior expert | Senior expert | Senior expert | Senior expert |
| 3 | Anita Rābante | Senior expert | Senior expert  Group certification | Senior expert  Group certification |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Aiga Krūmiņa | Senior expert | Senior expert |  | Senior expert | Senior expert | Senior expert | Senior expert |
| 5 | Kitija Dzene | Senior expert | Expert |  | Senior expert | Senior expert | Senior expert | Senior expert |
| 6 | Aleksandrs Žuikovs | Expert |  |  | Expert | Expert | Expert | Expert |
| 7 | Aleksandrs Vovks | Senior expert  Group certification | Expert  Group certification |  | Senior expert  Group certification | Senior expert  Group certification | Senior expert  Group certification | Senior expert  Group certification |
| 8 | Vasilijs Zaparņuks | Expert | Expert |  | Expert | Expert | Expert | Expert |
| 9 | Akuļiņins Andrejs | Expert |  |  | Expert | Expert | Expert | Expert |
| 10 | Aleksandrs Bažans | Expert |  |  | Expert | Expert | Expert | Expert |
| 11 | Kirils Huks | Expert |  |  | Expert | Expert | Expert | Expert |
| 12 | Ilja Pampurs | Expert |  |  | Expert | Expert | Expert | Expert |
| 13 | Aleksandrs Soboļevs | Expert |  |  | Expert | Expert | Expert | Expert |
| 14 | Andrey Kropatiy | Expert |  |  | Expert | Expert | Expert | Expert |
| 15 | Olga Tsibenko | Expert | Expert |  | Expert | Expert | Expert | Expert |
| *16* | *Andrey Panasovskiy* | *Expert* |  |  | *Expert* | *Expert* | *Expert* | *Expert* |
| \*Criteria for inspection and certification for category g) products:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | No. | OTHER PRODUCTS REFERRED TO IN Reg. 2018/848 ARTICLE 2(1) | Comparable product category for inspection, according reg. 2018/848 art. 35 (7) | Control measures to apply in inspection and certification | | 1 | Yeasts used as food or feed | d, e | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-038 Instructions for conducting inspections for preparation, collection, packaging, transport, and storage of products operations | | 2 | maté, sweetcorn, vine leaves, palm hearts, hop shoots, and other similar edible parts of plants and products produced therefrom | a | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-036 Instructions for conducting inspections for Crop production operators | | 3 | sea salt and other salts for food and feed | d, e | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-038 Instructions for conducting inspections for preparation, collection, packaging, transport, and storage of products operations | | 4 | silkworm cocoon suitable for reeling | b | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-037 Instructions for conducting inspections for Livestock, including Beekeeping operators | | 5 | natural gums and resins | a, d | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-036 Instructions for conducting inspections for Crop production operators  and, if applicable  ANN-P-BL-038 Instructions for conducting inspections for preparation, collection, packaging, transport, and storage of products operations | | 6 | beewax | b | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-037 Instructions for conducting inspections for Livestock, including Beekeeping operators | | 7 | Essential oils | d | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-038 Instructions for conducting inspections for preparation, collection, packaging, transport, and storage of products operations | | 8 | cork stoppers of natural cork, not agglomerated, and without any binding substances | a | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-036 Instructions for conducting inspections for Crop production operators | | 9 | cotton, not carded or combed | a | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-036 Instructions for conducting inspections for Crop production operators | | 10 | wool, not carded or combed | b | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-037 Instructions for conducting inspections for Livestock, including Beekeeping operators | | 11 | raw hides and untreated skins | b | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-037 Instructions for conducting inspections for Livestock, including Beekeeping operators | | 12 | plant-based traditional herbal preparations | d | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-038 Instructions for conducting inspections for preparation, collection, packaging, transport, and storage of products operations | | | | | | | | | |

# IT management system

For IT managment there are procedure “STC Conformity assesment body (further- CB) IT management system procedure regarding electronic document circulation procedures for activities in third countries” STC-R-KS-001.3 in force in the STC Third country organic farming sector Conformity assesment Unit.

In the procedure described:

* + 1. Legal acts,
    2. IT management system description,
    3. Data management,
    4. Protection of personal data,
    5. Data storage,
    6. System monitoring and training,
    7. Data received from operators throught controls and data avalablity to inspectors,
    8. Database of operators and groups of operators according Reg. 2021/1698 art. 18
    9. STC keeps an updateds electronic database of operators and groups of operators. That database includes the following information:

(a) name and address of the operators or groups of operators. In case of a group of operators, the size of the group, name and address of each member of the group;

(b) information concerning the scope of the certification, certificate number, status and validity of the certificate;

(c) status of the operators or groups of operators, whether in conversion (including period of conversion) or organic;

(d) risk level of the operators or groups of operators in accordance with Reg 2021/1698 Article 9;

(e) in case of subcontracting activities that are under the control of the certified operators or groups of operators, name and address of the subcontracted third party or third parties;

(f) the geographical coordinates and surface area of all the production units and premises;

(g) inspection reports and the results of sampling analysis, as well as the results of any other controls performed, including the controls carried out on consignments;

(h) non-compliances and measures applied;

(i) notifications via the system referred to in Reg. 2021/1698 Article 20(1);

(j) derogations granted and relevant supporting documents in accordance with the requirements of this Reg. 2021/1698; and

(k) any other information deemed relevant by the control body.

* + 1. Data recovery.

# The management of the certification process takes place only from the Latvian head office

# Type of activities, including delegated activities

* Organic farming certification activities in Latvia according to the new regulation 2018/848 and national legistation;
* Certification in third countries according equivalency standard Production standard and control measures Reg. 834/2007 and 889/2008,
* Certification of Machinery equipment and agricultural Machinery.

# Quality management system

# Quality management Criteria REg. 2018/848 Article 46 §2

1. CB are legally established in Latvia with no branch offices.
2. CB have the capacity to carry out controls to ensure that the conditions set out in points (a), (b)(i) and (c) of Article 45(1) and in this Article are met in relation to organic products and in-conversion products intended for import into the Union, without delegating control tasks; for the purposes of this point, control tasks carried out by persons working under an individual contract or a formal agreement that place them under the management control and the procedures of the contracting control authorities or control bodies shall not be considered as delegation, and the prohibition to delegate control tasks shall not apply to sampling;
3. CB offer adequate guarantees of objectivity and impartiality and are free from any conflict of interest as regards the exercise of their control tasks; in particular, they have procedures in place ensuring that the staff performing controls and other actions is free from any conflict of interest, and that the operators are not inspected by the same experts for more than 3 years consecutively;
4. CB are accredited for the purpose of their recognition in accordance with Regulation 2021/1698 by only one accreditation body (LATAK) under the relevant harmonised standard for ‘Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services’, the reference of which has been published in the Official Journal of the European Union;
5. CB have the expertise, equipment and infrastructure required to carry out control tasks, and have a sufficient number of suitable qualified and experienced staff;
6. CB have the capacity and the competency to carry out their certification and control activities in accordance with the requirements of this Regulation and in particular Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1698 for each type of operator (single operator or group of operators) in each third country and for each category of products they want to be recognised for;
7. CB have procedures and arrangements in place to ensure the impartiality, the quality, the consistency, the effectiveness and the appropriateness of controls and other actions performed by them;
8. CB have sufficient qualified and experienced staff so that controls and other actions can be performed effectively and in due time.
9. CB have appropriate and properly maintained facilities and equipment to ensure that staff can perform controls and other actions effectively and in due time;
10. CB have procedures in place in order to ensure that their staff have access to the premises of, and documents kept by operators so as to be able to accomplish their tasks.
11. When contracting with operator, it already stipulates in Certification contract that the operator must have access to all premises and give access to all relevant documents.
12. They have internal skills, training and procedures suitable to perform effective controls, including inspections, on operators as well as on the internal control system of a group of operators, if any;
13. CB meet the procedural requirements laid down in Chapter I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1698; and
14. CB meet any additional criteria that may be laid down in a delegated act adopted pursuant Comission.

STC quality system was created in accordance with the requirements of the LVS EN ISO /IEC 17065:2012 “Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services” standard, with the aim of detailing the mechanism for fulfilling all the requirements that are binding on institutions that certify products, processes and services.

The basic document of the quality system is the Quality Manual

The quality manual includes the main requirements:

* For setting policies and objectives Quality manual;
* For document management: Document and archive management procedure STC-R-KS-001, ANN document and archive management procedure STC-R-KS-001.2, STC Conformity assesment body (further- CB) IT management system procedure regarding electronic document circulation procedures for activities in third countries STC-R-KS-001.3 ;
* Requirements for preparation of management reports: Quality manual article 3.4;
* Requirements for confidenciality policies and potentional conflict of interest: Procedure for identification and resolution of potential conflict of interest STC-R-KS-002, Procedure for the content of confidential information STC-R-KS-008;
* Requirements for internal audits: Internal audit STC-R-KS-003;
* Requirements for preventive and corrective actions: Quality manual article 3.6;
* Requirements for the process, see Procedures for certification process Table 5;
* Requirements for personnel: Personnel managment STC-R-KS-004;
* Requirements for consideration complaints, appeals, motions: Procedure for consideration of submissions (complaints, appeals, motions) STC-R-KS-006,
* Requirements for Risk assesment STC-R-KS-005;

To ensure the integrity of the quality management system, STC has developed uniform procedures that apply to the entire operation of STC and procedures that apply only to the operation of the Conformity assessment sector.

Uniform procedures are registered in the “STC Quality Management System Document List”

Procedures and documents binding sectors are recorded “In the list of documents to be used in the certification of organic agricultural enterprises” and others.

Quality system assurance program:

* Coordination of testing methods and scope with the applicant and conclusion of the contract.
* Performing sample analyzes in accredited laboratories.
* Document management in accordance with ANN’s record keeping instructions.
* Certification-related staff training and work control.
* Control of conformity assessment procedures and decisions.
* Control of the procedures for issuing certificates of conformity and the decisions made.
* Control of the rules for the use of certificates (checks on the use of the label, CE mark and identification number).
* Continuous improvement.
* Updating of Quality manual, control of implementation of changes.
* Internal and external audits.
* Application and follow-up of changes in LR legislative acts and European Union legislation.
* Activity in standardization and coordination working groups of notified bodies of the Community,
* compliance statements and approvals from other testing and certification bodies.
* Staff training and regular supervision.
* Constant familiarization of personnel with changes in binding quality management system documents.
* Involvement of employees in quality improvement processes and submission of proposals to the QMS manager.
* Organizing working group and quality group meetings.

Sufficient constant control of these elements of the quality system ensures quality functioning of the quality system. The control is organized by the head of Quality management system and performed by every employee in accordance with the job description.

# Introduction on legal acts

The regulations for Supervision and Control of Organic Farming in recognized third countries are applicable in compliance for operators according with:

[Regulation (EU) 2018/848](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/848/oj) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 is the applicable legislative act, also known as the basic act, laying down the rules on organic production and labelling of organic products, repealing and replacing Council [Regulation (EC) No 834/2007](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2007/834/oj) of 28 June 2007.

In addition, a further legislative act was published in 2023, providing for specific labelling requirements for pet food produced in accordance with the rules laid down in Regulation (EU) 2018/848:

* [Regulation (EU) 2023/2419](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/2419/oj) of 18 October 2023 on the labelling of organic pet food

Delegated acts amending the basic act are progressively incorporated into the so-called “consolidated” text of the legislative act and become part of it. Please note that the [consolidated version of Regulation (EU) 2018/848](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/848/2022-01-01) is made available only for informative purposes, but has no legal effect. The authentic versions of the relevant acts, including their preambles, are those published in the Official Journal of the European Union and available in [EUR-Lex](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html).

The list of secondary acts concerning organic farming covers three main areas: production and labelling, controls and trade.

## Production and labelling

The following secondary acts cover organic production and labelling of organic products.

### Delegated regulations

[Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/427](http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/427/2021-01-01) of 13 January 2020 amending Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on certain detailed production rules for organic products

Main content:

* amending point 1.3 of Part I of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on derogations on the production of sprouted seeds;
* amending point 1.9.6.2 of Part II of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on feeding bees in case of risk for survival;
* adding Part III of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 a new point 3.1.2.3. on aquaculture juvenile production;
* amending point 3.1.3.3 by deletion of the maximum percentage of feed from plant origin in aquaculture.

[Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1794](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/1794/2020-12-01) of 16 September 2020 amending Part I of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on the use of in-conversion and non-organic plant reproductive material

Main content:

* amending point 1.8.5 of Part I of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 with regards the use of in-conversion and organic plant reproductive material allowing the use of in-conversion plant reproductive material and setting conditions for use of non-organic plant reproductive material when organic material is not available.

[Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/642](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2021/642/oj) of 30 October 2020 amending Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on certain information to provide on the labelling of organic products

Main content:

* amending point 2.1 of Annex III to add requirements on information to be provided on labelling of compound feed to be used in organic production and on labelling of mixtures of fodder seeds as plant reproductive material.

[Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/716](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2021/716/oj) of 9 February 2021 amending Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on organic production rules on sprouted seeds and chicory heads, on feed for certain aquaculture animals and on aquaculture parasite treatments

Main content:

* replacing point 1.3 of Part I of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 with detailed production rules for sprouted seeds and chicory heads;
* amending Part III of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848, point 3.1.3.4 to allow use of organic cholesterol in the feed of penaeid shrimps and freshwater prawns;
* replacing point 3.1.4.2 to amend requirements on frequency of parasite treatments for all species other than salmon and setting a maximum number of treatments for all aquaculture species.

[Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/474](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32022R0474) of 17 January 2022 amending Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on specific requirements for the production and use of non-organic, in-conversion and organic seedlings and other plant reproductive material.

Main content:

* amending point 1.8.5. of Part I of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on the use of in-conversion and non-organic plant reproductive material (PRM) by setting conditions for in-conversion seedlings and for use of PRM in line with conditions set under new point 1.8.6;
* adding point 1.8.5.8. on the prohibition to authorise non-organic seedlings of species having a short cultivation cycle;
* adding point 1.8.6. with requirements for authorisation of production of PRM in case mother plants or, where relevant, other plants intended for the production of PRM and produced in compliance with point 1.8.2 are not available in sufficient quantity or quality.

[Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1189](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2021/1189/oj) of 7 May 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on the production and marketing of plant reproductive material of organic heterogeneous material of particular genera or species

Main content:

* supplementing Regulation (EU) 2018/848 as regards specific requirements for the production and marketing of organic heterogeneous material, in particular with respect to description, identity, sanitary quality, analytical purity and germination requirements, packaging and labelling, information to be kept by operators, maintenance and official controls.

[Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1450](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2022/1450/oj) of 27 June 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of non organic protein feed for the production of organic livestock due to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine

Main content:

* due to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022, serious temporary impact on the supply of organic protein feed occurred in a few Member States, this threatened the continuity of the organic production;
* the act allows the few Member States that had recognised this situation as catastrophic circumstance to give up to 5% of non-organic protein feed to older categories of porcine animals and poultry for a maximum period of one year.

### Implementing regulations

[Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/464](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/464/oj) of 26 March 2020 laying down certain rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on the documents needed for the retroactive recognition of periods for the purpose of conversion, the production of organic products and information to be provided by EU countries

Main content:

* documents to be supplied in case of retroactive recognition of previous periods for the conversion to organic production;
* production rules on livestock and aquaculture animals, processed food and feed with related transitional provisions;
* information to be transmitted by EU countries concerning the availability on the market of organic and in-conversion plant reproductive material, organic animals and organic aquaculture juveniles.

[Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1165](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2021/1165/oj) of 15 July 2021 authorising certain products and substances for use in organic production and establishing their lists

Main content:

* conditions for the authorisation of substances and products for use in organic production;
* procedure to grant specific authorisation for the use of products and substances in certain areas of third countries;
* transitional measures for cleaning and disinfection of organic production and non-organic agricultural ingredients listed in relevant Annexes of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008;
* transition period up to 31 December 2022 for the validity of documentary evidence under Article 68 of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008.

[Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/121](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32023R0121) of 17 January 2023 amending and correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1165 authorising certain products and substances for use in organic production and establishing their lists

Main content:

* Amendments of the lists of products and substances which can be used in organic following the examinations by the Expert Group for Technical Advice on Organic Production (EGTOP) and the Commission of the dossiers submitted by Member States.

## Controls

The following secondary acts cover controls in the organic sector.

### Delegated regulations

[Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/715](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2021/715/oj) of 20 January 2021 amending Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on the requirements for groups of operators

Main content:

* amending Article 36 of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 in order to establish requirements for the geographical proximity of the members of a group of operators, the system for internal controls (ICS) and the responsibilities of the members of the group, of the ICS manager and ICS inspectors;
* amending Article 36 of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 in order to establish a list of situations which can be considered deficiencies of the internal control system.

[Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1006](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2021/1006/oj) of 12 April 2021 amending Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on the model of certificate attesting compliance with the rules on organic production

Main content:

* replacing Annex VI to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 with a model for the certificate to operators and groups of operators as set under Article 35.

[Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1691](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2021/1691/oj) of 12 July 2021 amending Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on the requirements for records keeping from operators in organic production

Main content:

* introduction of detailed record keeping requirements for operators and groups of operators applying specific organic production rules.

[Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/771](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2021/771/oj) of 21 January 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2018/848 laying down specific criteria and conditions for the checks of documentary accounts in the framework of official controls in organic production and the official controls of groups of operators

Main content:

* supplementing basic act with rules on the traceability and mass balance checks during the official controls of operators and groups of operators;
* additional requirements for the official controls of groups of operators.

[Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2304](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2021/2304/oj) of 18 October 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2018/848 with rules on the issuance of complementary certificates certifying the non-use of antibiotics in organic production of animal products for the purpose of export

Main content:

* supplementing basic act with provisions and template for a complementary certificate for the non-use of antibiotics in organic production of animal products for the purpose of export.

### Implementing regulations

[Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/279](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2021/279/oj) of 22 February 2021 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on controls and other measures ensuring traceability and compliance in organic production and the labelling of organic products

Main content:

* setting procedural steps to be followed by operators in case of a suspicion of non-compliance due to the presence of non-authorised products or substances;
* establishing a methodology of official investigation in the event of the presence of non-authorised products or substances;
* establishing detailed conditions for the reference to in-conversion and other indications on label of organic products;
* setting composition requirements and maximum size of a group of operators;
* setting requirements for documents and records for the purpose of the system of internal controls and for notifications from the managers of the system for internal controls, setting the minimum percentages of controls and sampling;
* setting minimum requirements for the national catalogue of measures in case of established non-compliance as well as optional guidelines;
* establishing the mandatory use from the competent authorities of the Organic Farming Information System (OFIS) for exchange of information with the Commission and other EU countries;
* setting a transitional period up to 1 January 2025 for groups of operators in third countries with respect to compliance to maximum size of group.

I[mplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2119](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2021/2119/oj) of 1 December 2021 on records and declarations required from operators and groups of operators and on the technical means for the issuance of certificates in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/848 and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1378 of 19 August 2021 on the issuance of the certificate for operators, groups of operators and exporters in third countries

Main content:

* detailed provisions on issuance of certificate under Article 35 in electronic form, on record keeping requirements by operators and groups of operators, on declarations and other communications to be made available to control authorities or control bodies.

## Trade

The following secondary acts cover trade in the organic sector.

### Delegated regulations

[Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1697](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2021/1697/oj) of 13 July 2021 amending Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on the criteria for the recognition of control authorities and control bodies competent to carry out controls on organic products in third countries, and on the withdrawal of their recognition

Main content:

* amending Article 46 of the basic act on the criteria for the recognition of control authorities and control bodies to carry out controls in third countries, including additional information and conditions required for the performance of their tasks, the capacity and competences of their staff;
* additional criteria concerning the withdrawal of the recognition of control authorities and control bodies such as in case of failure to provide relevant information for their supervision or to take adequate corrective measures.

[Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1698](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2021/1698/oj) of the 13 July 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2018/848 with procedural requirements for the recognition of control authorities and control bodies that are competent to carry out controls on operators and groups of operators certified organic, and on organic products in third countries, and with rules on their supervision and the controls and other actions to be performed by those control authorities and control bodies (OJ

Main content:

* setting procedures and requirements for the recognition of control authorities and control bodies in third countries;
* details on technical dossier to be submitted to the Commission and request for extension of the scope of recognition;
* general requirements for the supervision of control authorities and control bodies from the Commission, annual reports, spot examinations and audits, traceability checks, ad hoc requests by the Commission, list of high-risk products;
* controls requirements in respect of operators and group of operators, checks for the certification, methods and techniques of control, sampling and selection of laboratories, documented control procedures and records of controls;
* specific control requirements for aquaculture;
* verification of consignments intended for import into the Union, actions to be carried out by the control authorities and control bodies in terms of exchange of information, additional rules in case of non-compliance;
* checks to be carried out and reporting for retroactive recognition of previous conversion periods;
* reporting on authorisations for the use of non-organic plant reproductive material;
* derogations for use of non-organic animals and aquaculture juveniles;
* reporting of authorisations of use of non-organic ingredients;
* recognition of catastrophic circumstances and conditions for derogations.

[Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2306](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2021/2306/oj) of 21 October 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2018/848 with rules on the official controls in respect of consignments of organic products and in-conversion products intended for import into the EU and on the certificate of inspection

Main content:

* supplementing the basic act as regards the certificate of inspection and the official controls carried out by EU countries before the release for free circulation into the EU of the organic products originating in third countries;
* the provisions regarding the information to be provided by a competent authority, control authority or control body in a third country on cases of non-compliances on consignments intended for import into the EU.

### Implementing regulations

[Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1378](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2021/1378/oj) of 19 August 2021 laying down certain rules concerning the certificate issued to operators, groups of operators and exporters in third countries involved in the imports of organic and in-conversion products into the Union and establishing the list of recognised control authorities and control bodies in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/848

Main content:

* setting provisions and the model of the certificate issued to operators, groups of operators and exporters in third countries and the list of recognised control authorities and control bodies in third countries in accordance with Article 46 of the basic act.

[Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2307](http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2021/2307/oj) of 21 October 2021 on documents and notifications required for organic and in-conversion products intended for import into the EU

Main content:

* provisions concerning the declarations and communications by importers, operators responsible for the consignments, first consignees and consignees for the import of products from third countries for the purpose of placing those products on the market within the EU as organic products or in-conversion products;
* provisions on the notification by the competent authorities of suspected or established non-compliance of consignments.

In the case of any changes CB carries out or the extension of activities, CB will update the content of this document.

# II. The translation of the production rules and control measures

According regulation (EU) 2021/1698 Chapter I Article 1(2e) the translation of the production rules and control measures set out in Regulation (EU) 2018/848, and the delegated and implementing acts adopted in languages – russian, ukrainian, english that are understandable for the contracted operators in the third countries for which the STC requests recognition and another languages, see List of countries below (Table 3). Before contracting operators the knowledge of their language skills is clarified. The operator’s language of communication is already clarified with the application for starting the certification. Clients who want to certify and export products under the EU organic regulations, understand English, which is also used.

The availability for translated the production rules and control measures:

Table 3

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No | Country | Oficial language | Technical dossier  ANN-P-BL-012 | EK Regulation (EU) 2018/848 | EK Regulation (EU) 2021/1698 |
|  | Belarus, | Belarusian, Russian RUS | yes | yes | yes |
|  | Kyrgyzstan, | Kyrgyz KYR | yes | yes | yes |
|  | Kazakhstan, | Kazakh,  Russian RUS | yes  yes | yes  yes | yes  yes |
|  | Moldova, | Romanian ROM | yes | yes | yes |
|  | Russia, | Russian RUS | yes | yes | yes |
|  | Tajikistan | Tajik, TADJ  Russian | yes | yes | yes |
|  | Turkmenistan, | Turkmen TURKM | yes | yes | yes |
|  | Ukraine, | Ukrainian UKR | yes | yes | yes |
|  | Uzbekistan, | Uzbek UZB | yes | yes | yes |
|  | Armenia, | Armenian ARM | yes | yes | yes |
|  | Georgia, | Georgian | yes | yes | yes |
|  | Turkey, | Turkish TUR | yes | yes | yes |
|  | Sri Lanka, | Sinhala  Tamil SIN | yes | yes | yes |
|  | Azerbaijan, | Azerbaijani  Azeri AZE | yes | yes | yes |
|  | India, | Hindi,  English ENG | yes | yes | yes |
|  | Nepal, | Nepali NEP | yes | yes | yes |
|  | Bangladesh | Bengali BEN | yes | yes | yes |

# III. An overview of the intended activities

SIA “Sertifikācijas un testēšanas centrs” (hereinafter – CB) “Technical standard” is developed in compliance with requirements of the Regulation (EU) 2018/848, 2021/1698 from the Council and the European Parliament and others in the binding regulatory acts, with all the changes made in them, the current list of regulatory enactments is always considered.

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A statement on the objectives to be achieved are perform supervision of organic farming operators in accordance with the requirements of current legislation, allow only the distribution and import of appropriate organic products into the EU. The list of actual legislation

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Control body provide organic certification for products classified in accordinace with following categories:

a)unprocessed plants and plant products, including seeds and other plant reproductive material (including Group certification);

b)livestock and unprocessed livestock products (including Group certification);;

c)algae and unprocessed aquaculture products (including Group certification);;

d)processed agricultural products, including aquaculture products, for use as food;

e)feed;

f)wine;

g)other products listed in Reg 2018/848 Annex I to this Regulation or not covered by the previous categories (beeswax, Yeasts used as food or feed, sea salt and other salts for food and feed, essential oils, cotton, not carded or combed, plant-based traditional herbal preparations).

# Criteria for inspection and certification category g) products:

Table 4

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| No. | OTHER PRODUCTS REFERRED TO IN Reg. 2018/848 ARTICLE 2(1) | Requirements that apply in inspection and certification |
| 1 | Yeasts used as food or feed | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-038 Instructions for conducting inspections for preparation, collection, packaging, transport, and storage of products operations |
| 2 | maté, sweetcorn, vine leaves, palm hearts, hop shoots, and other similar edible parts of plants and products produced therefrom | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-036 Instructions for conducting inspections for Crop production operators |
| 3 | sea salt and other salts for food and feed | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-038 Instructions for conducting inspections for preparation, collection, packaging, transport, and storage of products operations |
| 4 | silkworm cocoon suitable for reeling | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-037 Instructions for conducting inspections for Livestock, including Beekeeping operators |
| 5 | natural gums and resins | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-036 Instructions for conducting inspections for Crop production operators |
| 6 | beewax | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-037 Instructions for conducting inspections for Livestock, including Beekeeping operators |
| 7 | Essential oils | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-038 Instructions for conducting inspections for preparation, collection, packaging, transport, and storage of products operations |
| 8 | cork stoppers of natural cork, not agglomerated, and without any binding substances | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-036 Instructions for conducting inspections for Crop production operators |
| 9 | cotton, not carded or combed | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-036 Instructions for conducting inspections for Crop production operators |
| 10 | wool, not carded or combed | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-037 Instructions for conducting inspections for Livestock, including Beekeeping operators |
| 11 | raw hides and untreated skins | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-037 Instructions for conducting inspections for Livestock, including Beekeeping operators |
| 12 | plant-based traditional herbal preparations | ANN-Р-BL-007.1 The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries  ANN-P-BL-038 Instructions for conducting inspections for preparation, collection, packaging, transport, and storage of products operations |

For following activities:

* Production
* Preperation
* Storage
* Distribution, including without physical contact with products
* Import/Export

Table 5

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No | Countries for which the STC requests recognition | Product | Product code | Category |
|  | Belarus | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Rye | 1002000000 80 | A |
|  | Oats | 1004000000 80 | A |
|  | Linseed, whether or not broken | 1204000000 80 | A |
|  | Live poultry, that is to say, fowls of the  species Gallus domesticus, ducks, geese,turkeys and guinea fowls | 0105000000 80 | B |
|  | Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen,  dried, salted or in brine; smoked aquatic  invertebrates other than crustaceans and  molluscs, whether or not cooked before or during  the smoking process; flours, meals and pellets  of aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, fit for human consumption | 0308000000 80 | C |
|  | Linseed, whether or not broken | 1204000000 80 | D, E |
|  | Other sugars, including chemically pure  lactose, maltose, glucose and fructose, in solid  form; sugar syrups not containing added  flavouring or colouring matter; artificial  honey, whether or not mixed with natural honey;caramel | 1702000000 80 | G |
|  | Kyrgyzstan | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Wheat and meslin | 1001000000 80 | A |
|  | Rice | 1006000000 80 | A |
|  | Cereal grains otherwise worked (for example,  hulled, rolled, flaked, pearled, sliced or  kibbled), except rice of heading|1006; germ of  cereals, whole, rolled, flaked or ground | 1104000000 80 | A |
|  | Natural honey | 0409000000 80 | B |
|  | Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen,  dried, salted or in brine; smoked aquatic  invertebrates other than crustaceans and  molluscs, whether or not cooked before or duringthe smoking process; flours, meals and pelletsof aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceansand molluscs, fit for human consumption | 0308000000 80 | C |
|  | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | D |
|  | Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not  ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from  the extraction of soya-bean oil | 2304000000 80 | E |
|  | Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines;  grape must other than that of heading|2009 | 2204000000 80 | F |
|  | Sunflower-seed, safflower or cotton-seed oil  and fractions thereof, whether or not refined,  but not chemically modified | 1512000000 80 | G |
|  | Yeasts (active or inactive); other single-cell  micro-organisms, dead (but not including  vaccines of heading|3002); prepared baking  powders | 2102000000 80 | G |
|  | Kazakhstan | Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled,  fresh or chilled | 0708000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Wheat and meslin | 1001000000 80 | A |
|  | Barley | 1003000000 80 | A |
|  | Oats | 1004000000 80 | A |
|  | Maize (corn) | 1005000000 80 | A |
|  | Buckwheat, millet and canary seed; other cereals | 1008000000 80 | A |
|  | Soya beans, whether or not broken | 1201000000 80 | A |
|  | Linseed, whether or not broken | 1204000000 80 | A |
|  | Rape or colza seeds, whether or not broken | 1205000000 80 | A |
|  | Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken |  | A |
|  | Plants and parts of plants (including seeds and  fruits), of a kind used primarily in perfumery,  in pharmacy or for insecticidal, fungicidal or  similar purposes, fresh or dried, whether or not  cut, crushed or powdered |  | A |
|  | Natural honey | 0409000000 80 | B |
|  | Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen,  dried, salted or in brine; smoked aquatic  invertebrates other than crustaceans and  molluscs, whether or not cooked before or duringthe smoking process; flours, meals and pelletsof aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceansand molluscs, fit for human consumption | 0308000000 80 | C |
|  | Linseed, whether or not broken | 1204000000 80 | D |
|  | Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not  ground or in the form of pellets, resulting fromthe extraction of soya-bean oil | 2304000000 80 | D |
|  | Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not  ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from  the extraction of soya-bean oil | 2304000000 80 | E |
|  | Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines;  grape must other than that of heading|2009 | 2204000000 80 | F |
|  | Sunflower-seed, safflower or cotton-seed oil  and fractions thereof, whether or not refined,but not chemically modified | 1512000000 80 | G |
|  | Vegetable waxes (other than triglycerides),  beeswax, other insect waxes and spermaceti,  whether or not refined or coloured | 1521000000 80 | G |
|  | Other sugars, including chemically pure  lactose, maltose, glucose and fructose, in solid  form; sugar syrups not containing added flavouring or colouring matter; artificial  honey, whether or not mixed with natural honey;  caramel | 1702000000 80 | G |
|  | Yeasts (active or inactive); other single-cell  micro-organisms, dead (but not including  vaccines of heading|3002); prepared baking  powder | 2102000000 80 | G |
|  | Moldova | Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled,  fresh or chilled | 0708000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | A |
|  | Wheat and meslin | 1001000000 80 | A |
|  | Rye | 1002000000 80 | A |
|  | Barley | 1003000000 80 | A |
|  | Maize (corn) | 1005000000 80 | A |
|  | Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken | 1206000000 80 | A |
|  | Plants and parts of plants (including seeds and  fruits), of a kind used primarily in perfumery,  in pharmacy or for insecticidal, fungicidal or  similar purposes, fresh or dried, whether or not  cut, crushed or powdered | 1211000000 80 | A |
|  | Natural honey | 0409000000 80 | B |
|  | Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen,  dried, salted or in brine; smoked aquatic  invertebrates other than crustaceans and  molluscs, whether or not cooked before or duringthe smoking process; flours, meals and pelletsof aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans and molluscs, fit for human consumption | 0308000000 80 | C |
|  | Maize (corn) | 1005000000 80 | D |
|  | Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken | 1206000000 80 | D |
|  | Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not  ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from  the extraction of soya-bean oil | 2304000000 80 | E |
|  | Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines;  grape must other than that of heading|2009 | 2204000000 80 | F |
|  | Vegetable waxes (other than triglycerides),  beeswax, other insect waxes and spermaceti,  whether or not refined or coloured | 1521000000 80 | G |
|  | Yeasts (active or inactive); other single-cell  micro-organisms, dead (but not including  vaccines of heading|3002); prepared baking  powders | 2102000000 80 | G |
|  | Russia | Potatoes, fresh or chilled | 0701000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled,  fresh or chilled | 0708000000 80 |  |
|  | Other vegetables, fresh or chilled | 0709000000 80 | A |
|  | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | A |
|  | Wheat and meslin | 1001000000 80 | A |
|  | Rye | 1002000000 80 | A |
|  | Barley | 1003000000 80 | A |
|  | Oats | 1004000000 80 | A |
|  | Maize (corn) | 1005000000 80 | A |
|  | Buckwheat, millet and canary seed; other cereals | 1008000000 80 | A |
|  | Soya beans, whether or not broken | 1201000000 80 | A |
|  | Linseed, whether or not broken | 1204000000 80 | A |
|  | Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken | 1206000000 80 | A |
|  | Plants and parts of plants (including seeds and  fruits), of a kind used primarily in perfumery,  in pharmacy or for insecticidal, fungicidal or  similar purposes, fresh or dried, whether or not  cut, crushed or powdered | 1211000000 80 | A |
|  | Rape, colza or mustard oil and fractions  thereof, whether or not refined, but not  chemically modified | 1514000000 80 | A |
|  | Natural honey | 0409000000 80 | B |
|  | Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen,  dried, salted or in brine; smoked aquatic  invertebrates other than crustaceans and  molluscs, whether or not cooked before or duringthe smoking process; flours, meals and pelletsof aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, fit for human consumption | 0308000000 80 | C |
|  | Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled,  fresh or chilled | 0708000000 80 | D |
|  | Other vegetables, fresh or chilled | 0709000000 80 | D |
|  | Linseed, whether or not broken | 1204000000 80 | D |
|  | Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not  ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from  the extraction of soya-bean oil | 2304000000 80 | D |
|  | Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not  ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from  the extraction of soya-bean oil | 2304000000 80 | E |
|  | Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines;  grape must other than that of heading|2009 | 2204000000 80 | F |
|  | Vegetable waxes (other than triglycerides),  beeswax, other insect waxes and spermaceti,  whether or not refined or coloured | 1521000000 80 | G |
|  | Yeasts (active or inactive); other single-cell  micro-organisms, dead (but not including  vaccines of heading|3002); prepared baking  powders | 2102000000 80 | G |
|  | Tajikistan | Other vegetables, fresh or chilled | 0709000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Grapes, fresh or dried | 0806000000 80 | A |
|  | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | A |
|  | Fruit and nuts, uncooked or cooked by steaming  or boiling in water, frozen, whether or not  containing added sugar or other sweetening  matter | 0811000000 80 | A |
|  | Natural honey | 0409000000 80 | B |
|  | Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen,  dried, salted or in brine; smoked aquatic  invertebrates other than crustaceans and  molluscs, whether or not cooked before or duringthe smoking process; flours, meals and pelletsof aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans and molluscs, fit for human consumption | 0308000000 80 | C |
|  | Other vegetables, fresh or chilled | 0709000000 80 | D |
|  | Grapes, fresh or dried | 0806000000 80 | D |
|  | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | D |
|  | Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not  ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from  the extraction of soya-bean oil | 2304000000 80 | D |
|  | Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines;  grape must other than that of heading|2009 | 2204000000 80 | F |
|  | Sunflower-seed, safflower or cotton-seed oil  and fractions thereof, whether or not refined,  but not chemically modified | 1512000000 80 | G |
| 7. | Turkmenistan | Grapes, fresh or dried | 0806000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Melons (including watermelons) and papaws  (papayas), fresh | 0807000000 80 | A |
|  | Apricots, cherries, peaches (including  nectarines), plums and sloes, fresh | 0809000000 80 | A |
|  | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | A |
|  | Natural honey | 0409000000 80 | B |
|  | Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen,  dried, salted or in brine; smoked aquatic  invertebrates other than crustaceans and  molluscs, whether or not cooked before or duringthe smoking process; flours, meals and pelletsof aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans and molluscs, fit for human consumption | 0308000000 80 | C |
|  | Grapes, fresh or dried | 0806000000 80 | D |
|  | Melons (including watermelons) and papaws  (papayas), fresh | 0807000000 80 | D |
|  | Apricots cherries, peaches (including  nectarines), plums and sloes, fresh | 0809000000 80 | D |
|  | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | D |
|  | Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not  ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from  the extraction of soya-bean oil | 2304000000 80 | E |
|  | Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines;  grape must other than that of heading|2009 | 2204000000 80 | F |
|  | Sunflower-seed, safflower or cotton-seed oil  and fractions thereof, whether or not refined,  but not chemically modified | 1512000000 80 | G |
|  | Ukraine | Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled,  fresh or chilled | 0708000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Wheat and meslin | 1001000000 80 | A |
|  | Rye | 1002000000 80 | A |
|  | Barley | 1003000000 80 | A |
|  | Oats | 1004000000 80 | A |
|  | Maize (corn) | 1005000000 80 | A |
|  | Buckwheat, millet and canary seed; other cereals | 1008000000 80 | A |
|  | Soya beans, whether or not broken | 1201000000 80 | A |
|  | Linseed, whether or not broken | 1204000000 80 | A |
|  | Rape or colza seeds, whether or not broken | 1205000000 80 | A |
|  | Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken | 1206000000 80 | A |
|  | Other oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, whether  or not broken | 1207000000 80 | A |
|  | Natural honey | 0409000000 80 | B |
|  | Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen,  dried, salted or in brine; smoked aquatic  invertebrates other than crustaceans and  molluscs, whether or not cooked before or duringthe smoking process; flours, meals and pelletsof aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans and molluscs, fit for human consumption | 0308000000 80 | C |
|  | Wheat and meslin | 1001000000 80 | D |
|  | Soya beans, whether or not broken | 1201000000 80 | D |
|  | Linseed, whether or not broken | 1204000000 80 | D |
|  | Rape or colza seeds, whether or not broken | 1205000000 80 | D |
|  | Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not  ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from  the extraction of soya-bean oil | 2304000000 80 | E |
|  | Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines;  grape must other than that of heading|2009 | 2204000000 80 | F |
|  | Vegetable waxes (other than triglycerides),  beeswax, other insect waxes and spermaceti,  whether or not refined or coloured | 1521000000 80 | G |
|  | Uzbekistan | Grapes, fresh or dried | 0806000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Melons (including watermelons) and papaws  (papayas), fresh | 0807000000 80 | A |
|  | Apricots, cherries, peaches (including  nectarines), plums and sloes, fresh | 0809000000 80 | A |
|  | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | A |
|  | Wheat and meslin | 1001000000 80 | A |
|  | Live poultry, that is to say, fowls of the  species Gallus domesticus, ducks, geese,  turkeys and guinea fowls | 0105000000 80 | B |
|  | Natural honey | 0409000000 80 | B |
|  | Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen,  dried, salted or in brine; smoked aquatic  invertebrates other than crustaceans and  molluscs, whether or not cooked before or during the smoking process; flours, meals and pellets of aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans and molluscs, fit for human consumption | 0308000000 80 | C |
|  | Grapes, fresh or dried | 0806000000 80 | D |
|  | Melons (including watermelons) and papaws  (papayas), fresh | 0807000000 80 | D |
|  | Apricots, cherries, peaches (including  nectarines), plums and sloes, fresh | 0809000000 80 | D |
|  | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | D |
|  | Wheat and meslin | 1001000000 80 | D |
|  | Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not  ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from  the extraction of soya-bean oil Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not  ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from  the extraction of soya-bean oil | 2304000000 80 | E |
|  | Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines;  grape must other than that of heading|2009 | 2204000000 80 | F |
|  | Sunflower-seed, safflower or cotton-seed oil  and fractions thereof, whether or not refined,  but not chemically modified | 1512000000 80 | G |
|  | Armenia | Wheat and meslin | 1001000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Natural honey | 0409000000 80 | B |
|  | Live fish | 0301000000 80 | C |
|  | -Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen,  dried, salted or in brine; smoked aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans and  molluscs, whether or not cooked before or during  the smoking process; flours, meals and pellets  of aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, fit for human consumption | 0308000000 80 |
|  | Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or notground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of soya-bean oil | 2304000000 80 | D |
|  | Vegetable materials and vegetable waste,  vegetable residues and by-products, whether or  not in the form of pellets, of a kind used in  animal feeding, not elsewhere specified or  included | 2308000000 80 | E |
|  | Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding | 2309000000 80 |
|  | Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines;  grape must other than that of heading|2009 | 2204000000 80 | F |
|  | Vermouth and other wine of fresh grapes  flavoured with plants or aromatic substances | 2205000000 80 |
|  | Wine lees; argol | 2307000000 80 |
|  | Vegetable waxes (other than triglycerides),  beeswax, other insect waxes and spermaceti,  whether or not refined or coloured | 1521000000 80 | G |
|  | Georgia | Other vegetables, fresh or chilled | 0709000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Grapes, fresh or dried | 0806000000 80 | A |
|  | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | A |
|  | Ginger, saffron, turmeric (curcuma), thyme, bay  leaves, curry and other spices | 0910000000 80 | A |
|  | Natural honey | 0409000000 80 | B |
|  | Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen,  dried, salted or in brine; smoked aquatic  invertebrates other than crustaceans and  molluscs, whether or not cooked before or during  the smoking process; flours, meals and pellets  of aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, fit for human consumption | 0308000000 80 | C |
|  | Other vegetables, fresh or chilled | 0709000000 80 | D |
|  | Fruit, dried, other than that of  headings|0801|to 0806; mixtures of nuts or dried fruits of this chapter | 0813000000 80 | D |
|  | Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not  ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from  the extraction of soya-bean oil | 2304000000 80 | E |
|  | Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines;  grape must other than that of heading|2009 | 2204000000 80 | F |
|  | Vegetable waxes (other than triglycerides),  beeswax, other insect waxes and spermaceti,  whether or not refined or coloured | 1521000000 80 | G |
|  | Other sugars, including chemically pure  lactose, maltose, glucose and fructose, in solid  form; sugar syrups not containing added  flavouring or colouring matter; artificial  honey, whether or not mixed with natural honey;caramel | 1702000000 80 | G |
|  | Turkey | Other vegetables, fresh or chilled | 0709000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Grapes, fresh or dried | 0806000000 80 | A |
|  | Apricots, cherries, peaches (including  nectarins), plums and sloes, fresh | 0809000000 80 | A |
|  | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | A |
|  | Fruit and nuts, uncooked or cooked by steaming  or boiling in water, frozen, whether or not  containing added sugar or other sweetening  matter | 0811000000 80 | A |
|  | Ginger, saffron, turmeric (curcuma), thyme, bay  leaves, curry and other spices | 0910000000 80 | A |
|  | Natural honey | 0409000000 80 | B |
|  | Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen,  dried, salted or in brine; smoked aquatic  invertebrates other than crustaceans and  molluscs, whether or not cooked before or duringthe smoking process; flours, meals and pelletsof aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans and molluscs, fit for human consumption | 0308000000 80 | C |
|  | Other vegetables, fresh or chilled | 0709000000 80 | D |
|  | Apricots, cherries, peaches (including  nectarines), plums and sloes, fresh | 0809000000 80 | D |
|  | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | D |
|  | Fruit and nuts, uncooked or cooked by steaming  or boiling in water, frozen, whether or not  containing added sugar or other sweetening  matter | 0811000000 80 | D |
|  | Ginger, saffron, turmeric (curcuma), thyme, bay  leaves, curry and other spices | 0910000000 80 | D |
|  | Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not  ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from  the extraction of soya-bean oil | 2304000000 80 | E |
|  | Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines;  grape must other than that of heading|2009 | 2204000000 80 | F |
|  | Other sugars, including chemically pure  lactose, maltose, glucose and fructose, in solid  form; sugar syrups not containing added  flavouring or colouring matter; artificial  honey, whether or not mixed with natural honey;caramel | 1702000000 80 | G |
|  | Sri Lanka | Other vegetables, fresh or chilled | 0709000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | A |
|  | Fruit and nuts, uncooked or cooked by steaming  or boiling in water, frozen, whether or not  containing added sugar or other sweetening  matter | 0811000000 80 | A |
|  | Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated;  coffee husks and skins; coffee substitutes  containing coffee in any proportion | 0901000000 80 | A |
|  | Tea, whether or not flavoured | 0902000000 80 | A |
|  | Ginger, saffron, turmeric (curcuma), thyme, bay  leaves, curry and other spices | 0910000000 80 | A |
|  | Natural honey | 0409000000 80 | B |
|  | Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen,  dried, salted or in brine; smoked aquatic  invertebrates other than crustaceans and  molluscs, whether or not cooked before or duringthe smoking process; flours, meals and pelletsof aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans and molluscs, fit for human consumption | 0308000000 80 | C |
|  | Other vegetables, fresh or chilled | 0709000000 80 | D |
|  | Fruit and nuts, uncooked or cooked by steaming  or boiling in water, frozen, whether or not  containing added sugar or other sweetening  matter | 0811000000 80 | D |
|  | Tea, whether or not flavoured | 0902000000 80 | D |
|  | Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not  ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from  the extraction of soya-bean oil | 2304000000 80 | E |
|  | Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines;  grape must other than that of heading|2009 | 2204000000 80 | F |
|  | Sunflower-seed, safflower or cotton-seed oil  and fractions thereof, whether or not refined,  but not chemically modified | 1512000000 80 | G |
|  | Yeasts (active or inactive); other single-cell  micro-organisms, dead (but not including  vaccines of heading|3002); prepared baking  powders | 2102000000 80 | G |
|  | Azerbaijan | Grapes, fresh or dried | 0806000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Natural honey | 0409000000 80 | B |
|  | Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen,  dried, salted or in brine; smoked aquatic  invertebrates other than crustaceans and  molluscs, whether or not cooked before or duringthe smoking process; flours, meals and pelletsof aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans and molluscs, fit for human consumption | 0308000000 80 | C |
|  | Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of soya-bean oil | 2304000000 80 | D, E |
|  | Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines;  grape must other than that of heading|2009 | 2204000000 80 | F |
|  | Vegetable waxes (other than triglycerides),  beeswax, other insect waxes and spermaceti,  whether or not refined or coloured | 1521000000 80 | G |
|  | Yeasts (active or inactive); other single-cell  micro-organisms, dead (but not including  vaccines of heading|3002); prepared baking  powders | 2102000000 80 | G |
|  | India | Other vegetables, fresh or chilled | 0709000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | A |
|  | Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated;  coffee husks and skins; coffee substitutes  containing coffee in any proportion | 0901000000 80 | A |
|  | Tea, whether or not flavoured | 0902000000 80 | A |
|  | Ginger, saffron, turmeric (curcuma), thyme, bay  leaves, curry and other spices | 0910000000 80 | A |
|  | Buckwheat, millet and canary seed; other cereals | 1008000000 80 | A |
|  | Other oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, whether  or not broken | 1207000000 80 | A |
|  | Aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans  and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen,  dried, salted or in brine; smoked aquatic  invertebrates other than crustaceans and  molluscs, whether or not cooked before or duringthe smoking process; flours, meals and pelletsof aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans and molluscs, fit for human consumption | 0308000000 80 | C |
|  | Other oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, whether  or not broken | 1207000000 80 | D |
|  | Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not  ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from  the extraction of soya-bean oil | 2304000000 80 | E |
|  | Vegetable waxes (other than triglycerides),  beeswax, other insect waxes and spermaceti,  whether or not refined or coloured | 1521000000 80 | G |
|  | Other sugars, including chemically pure  lactose, maltose, glucose and fructose, in solid  form; sugar syrups not containing added  flavouring or colouring matter; artificial  honey, whether or not mixed with natural honey;caramel | 1702000000 80 | G |
|  | Nepal | Other vegetables, fresh or chilled | 0709000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | A |
|  | Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated;  coffee husks and skins; coffee substitutes  containing coffee in any proportion | 0901000000 80 | A |
|  | Tea, whether or not flavoured | 0902000000 80 | A |
|  | Ginger, saffron, turmeric (curcuma), thyme, bay  leaves, curry and other spices | 0910000000 80 | A |
|  | Other vegetables, fresh or chilled | 0709000000 80 | D |
|  | Fruit and nuts, uncooked or cooked by steaming  or boiling in water, frozen, whether or not  containing added sugar or other sweetening  matter | 0811000000 80 | D |
|  | Bangladesh | Other vegetables, fresh or chilled | 0709000000 80 | A |
|  |  | Other fruit, fresh | 0810000000 80 | A |
|  | Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated;  coffee husks and skins; coffee substitutes  containing coffee in any proportion | 0901000000 80 | A |
|  | Tea, whether or not flavoured | 0902000000 80 | A |
|  | Cereal grains otherwise worked (for example,  hulled, rolled, flaked, pearled, sliced or  kibbled), except rice of heading|1006; germ of  cereals, whole, rolled, flaked or ground | 1104000000 80 | A |
|  | Other vegetables, fresh or chilled | 0709000000 80 | D |
|  | Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated;  coffee husks and skins; coffee substitutes  containing coffee in any proportion | 0901000000 80 | D |
|  | Tea, whether or not flavoured | 0902000000 80 | D |
|  | Cereal grains otherwise worked (for example,  hulled, rolled, flaked, pearled, sliced or  kibbled), except rice of heading|1006; germ of  cereals, whole, rolled, flaked or ground | 1104000000 80 | D |

# IV The certification procedures

The certification procedures ANN-P-BL-003-3V and ANN-P-BL-004-3V are in place in Control body, for granting or rejecting, suspension or withdrawal of the certificate referred to in point (b)(i) of Article 45(1) of Regulation (EU) other certification procedures are listed in Production standard Article 8

The STC procedure ANN-P-BL-009 Catalogue of measures. A catalogue of measures and deadlines to be taken in cases of established non-compliance as laid down in Article 22 of Regulation 2021/1698 is developed.

The CB develop and establish procedures describing in detail the functioning and the implementation of the control measures set up in accordance with Regulation 2018/848 and 2021/1698, including, where relevant, control specificities for the group of operators, see Table 5 below:

Table 6

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| № | Name of Procedure | Procedure ID | Procedure language |
| 1. | Summary of documents submitted to SIA “Sertifikācijas un testēšanas centrs” in the process of certification to operators of third countries | ANN-P-BL-001-3V | RUS, ENG |
| 2 | Procedure for extending or reducing the scope of the scope of conformity for operators in third countries | ANN-P-BL-002-3V | LV, RUS, ENG |
| 3 | Procedure for granting and making certification decision for organic production in third countries | ANN-P-BL-003-3V | LV, RUS, ENG |
| 4 | Evaluation of the received test results and making the interim decision | ANN-P-BL-003-3V  Annex 1 | LV, RUS, ENG |
| 5 | Measures taken in case of presence of unauthorized products or substances Reg. 2018/848 Article 29, 41 | ANN-P-BL-003-3V  Annex 2 | ENG |
| 6 | Reg. 2018/848 Article 41: Detailed overview of actions for certifier STC | Scheme I  ANN-P-BL-003- Annex 2 | ENG |
| 7 | Reg. 2018/848 article 29: Detailed overview of actions for certifiers STC | Scheme II  ANN-P-BL-003- Annex 2 | ENG |
| 8 | Procedure for the revocation or suspension of an organic certificate | ANN-P-BL-004-3V | RUS, ENG |
| 9 | Procedure of withdraw the reference to organic farming | ANN-P-BL-005-3V | RUS, ENG |
| 10 | Instructions for taking and sending samples of organic agricultural products, soil, plants and other materials for laboratory testing | ANN-P-BL-006-3V | RUS, ENG |
| 11 | Laboratory parameters by product type | ANN-P-BL-006-3V Annex 1 | LV, RUS, ENG |
| 12 | Sampling planning, sampling, testing and evaluation of results | ANN-P-BL-006-3V Annex II | ENG |
| 13 | Certification procedure of organic farming operators in Third countries | ANN-P-BL-007-3V | ENG |
| 14 | The procedure for conducting inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries. | ANN-P-BL-007.1.-3V | RUS, ENG |
| 15 | Dry matter content of the most common feed | ANN-Р-BL-007.1. Annex 1 | ENG |
| 16 | Volume and composition of manure | ANN-Р-BL-007.1. Annex 2 | ENG |
| 17 | Analytical information regarding the production and economic characteristics of field crops grown in the countries where STC operates | ANN-Р-BL-007.1. Annex 3 | ENG |
| 18 | Maximum number of animals per ha | ANN-Р-BL-007.1. Annex 4 | ENG |
| 19 | Procedure for conducting unannounced or announced additional inspections at organic farming enterprises in Third countries | ANN-P-BL-007.2.-3V | ENG |
| 18 | Procedure in cases when operator change certification body (for Third country operators) | ANN-P-BL-008-3V | LV, RUS, ENG |
| 19 | Catalogue of measures referred to in Article 22(3) Reg 2021/1698 and criteria for observations and non-conformities during the process of certification of organic agriculture production in the Third countries | ANN-P-BL-009-3V | ENG |
| 20 | Procedure and actions to be taken in cases the conformity assessment of the enterprise does not occur due to the fault of the operator | ANN-P-BL-010-3V | RUS, ENG |
| 21 | Risk Management Procedure for Organic Farming in Third Countries | ANN-P-BL-011-3V | ENG |
| 22 | Procedure for the Exchange of information between the Commission, control authorities, control bodies and competent authorities | ANN-P-BL-015-3V | RUS, ENG |
| 23 | Procedure "Evaluation of laboratories and evaluation of test results | ANN-P-BL-016-3V | RUS, ENG |
| 24 | Procedure for issuing Approval for the use in organic agriculture of non-organic reproductive plant materials | ANN-P-BL-017-3V | ENG |
| 25 | Procedure for issuing a Certificate of Inspection in TRACES NT (TRADE CONTROL AND EXPERT SYSTEM) | ANN-P-BL-022-3V | ENG |
| 26 | Export procedure intended for operators certified in third countries in accordance with the requirements of the Standard ANN-P-BL-012 (according to EU Regulation No. 2018/848, 2021/2307) | ANN-P-BL-022-3V Annex 1 | ENG |
| 27 | The procedure of organic product traceability system | ANN-P-BL-023 | LV, RUS, ENG |
| 28 | The procedure granting retroactive recognition of a previous period as a part of the conversion period for organic production | ANN-P-BL-024-3V | ENG |
| 29 | Sampling of grain stored and transported in bulk Procedure for controlling the quantity of stored grain | ANN-P-BL-025-3V | RUS, ENG |
| 30 | Instructions for conducting inspections of operators for the collection of wild plants | ANN-P-BL-026-3V | ENG |
| 31 | Monitoring of grain acceptance at elevators and warehouses of the operator | ANN-P-BL-027-3V | RUS, ENG |
| 32 | Monitoring of grain shipment from elevators and warehouses of the operator | ANN-P-BL-028-3V | RUS, ENG |
| 33 | Procedure for producing products in different statuses (organic, non-organic, transitional) - production separation | ANN-P-BL-029-3V | RUS, ENG |
| 34 | Procedure about extraordinary Events and/or Circumstances Affecting Control body | ANN-P-BL-031 | RUS, ENG |
| 35 | Procedure regarding the applicable Derogations, Permits and References to competent authorities referred to in Regulation 2021/1698 and the notification procedure for activities in third countries | ANN-P-BL-033\_3V | LV, RUS, ENG |
| 36 | The certification procedure of group of operators | ANN-P-BL-034 | LV, RUS, ENG |
| 37 | Instructions for conducting inspections for algae and aquaculture animals | ANN-P-BL-035 | ENG |
| 38 | Instructions for conducting inspections for Crop production operators | ANN-P-BL-036 | ENG |
| 39 | Instructions for conducting inspections for Livestock, including Beekeeping operators | ANN-P-BL-037 | ENG |
| 40 | Instructions for conducting inspections for preparation, collection, packaging, transport and storage of products operations | ANN-P-BL-038 | ENG |

In CB developed and established Forms, working instructions, guidelines for providing procedures for ensurance certification process of organic farming operators in Third countries:

For operators – applications, declaration, Descripton of organic production, Organic Production plan etc.

For experts – evaluation forms,

Senior/Chief experts – granting, decision forms

Other relevant documents, forms, letters according Quality management procedures – Document management procedures

According Regulation 2021/1698 article 13 (2) STC:

* take corrective measures in all cases where the procedures identify shortcomings; and
* update the documented procedures as appropriate.

# V Publicly available information

CB all publicly available information is published on the website <https://www.stc.lv/> in Latvian, english and russian:

CB Information about procedures (including general information about complaints and appeal procedures) and certification schemes, as well as the documents <https://www.stc.lv/>

general information about the certification body status and accreditation statuss;

A link to the latest accreditation certificate issued by its accreditation body <https://stc.lv/par-mums/>.

According requirements with Reg. 2021/1698 art.17(a) a link to the a list of certified operators and certified groups of operators are available at <https://sert.stc.lv/lv/meklet>, containing:

* for operators, their name and address;
* for groups of operators, the name and address of the group and the number of its members;
* information relating to the certificates, in particular, the certificate number, category of products covered by the certification, status and validity of certification, including cases of scope reduction, suspension and withdrawal as referred to in ISO standard ISO/IEC 17065;

The list is immediately updated after any change of the status of the certification. In case of withdrawal, are kept in the list for 5 years after the withdrawal.

# VI Database of operators and groups of operators

The control body keeps an update electronic database of operators and groups of operators according EC regulation 2021/1698 article 18. Its located on STC file server and duplicate copy made on another STC server. All the data is stored in encrypted on Google servers, for information retrieval purposes. IT managment procedure STC-R-KS-001.3 in force where the deatiled information about location of database is described. That STC operators database includes the following information:

* name and address of the operators or groups of operators. In case of a group of operators, the size of the group, name and address of each member of the group;
* information concerning the scope of the certification, certificate number, status and validity of the certificate;
* status of the operators or groups of operators, whether in conversion (including period of conversion) or organic;
* risk level of the operators or groups of operators in accordance with Article 9 Reg. 2021/1698;
* in case of subcontracting activities that are under the control of the certified operators or groups of operators, name and address of the subcontracted third party or third parties;
* the geographical coordinates and surface area of all the production units and premises;
* inspection reports and the results of sampling analysis, as well as the results of any other controls performed, including the controls carried out on consignments;
* non-compliances and measures applied;
* notifications via the system referred to in Article 20(1) Reg. 2021/1698 - control body use the Organic Farming Information System (OFIS) for the exchange of information with the Commission, with other control authorities and other control bodies, and with the competent authorities of the Member States and of the third countries concerned.;
* derogations granted and relevant supporting documents in accordance with the requirements of this Regulation; and
* any other information deemed relevant by the control body.

The information is kept by the control body STC for minimum 5 years. STC makes that information available to the Commission upon request.

# VII CB standard procedure for updating

CB update STC Techinical standard in accordance with CB document management procedure in the following cases:

1. changes in EU regulations;
2. changes in the CB's internal procedures;
3. by EC and the Accreditation Bureau's recommendations;

Identification of the document is following regarding STC quality management procedure STC- STC-R-KS-001 Document and archive managment:

ANN-P-BL-012-3V-01.09.2022.-R0

Where,

ANN- Conformity Assessment Department document

P- document type (procedure);

BL- organic farming;

012 - document serial number;

3V- document for activities the sector of third countries;

01.09.2022. – data of last updating;

R0- identification of last review.

Full quality system documents, forms etc. are listed on the CB quality management system manual upon request.

The mandatory necessary documents: certification procedures and forms available electronically <https://www.stc.lv/>

CB will notify the Commission of any changes in the Technical Documentation, procedures and other relevant documentation within 30 days

# VIII Commission information requirements

After its recognition, the control body notify the Commission in due time, and not later than within 30 calendar days, of the occurrence of changes to the content of its technical dossier – Production standard according Reg. 2021/1698 article 19.1.

The control body keep available and communicate at the request of the Commission or the competent authorities of the Member States all information related to its control activities in the third country according Reg. 2021/1698 article 19.2.

The supporting documents relating to the request for recognition under Article 46 of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 and those required under this Regulation is kept by the CB at the disposal of the Commission and the Member States for 5 years following the year in which the controls took place or the certificate referred to in point (b)(i) of Article 45(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 and documentary evidence were delivered according Reg. 2021/1698 article 19.3.

Proof that control body has notified its activities to the relevant authorities of the third country concerned and its undertaking to respect the legal requirements imposed on it by the authorities of the third country concerne.

CB undertaks to give access to all its offices and facilities to independent experts designated by the Commission and keep available and communicate all information related to its control activities in the third country concerned

CB will give any other information to Comission, deemed relevant by the control body, or by the accreditation body.

# IX Systems and procedures for the exchange of information

The CB uses the Organic Farming Information System (OFIS) for the exchange of information with the Commission, with other control authorities and other control bodies, and with the competent authorities of the Member States and of the third countries concerned.

The CB takes the appropriate measures and establish documented procedures to ensure timely exchanges of information with the Commission and with other control authorities and control bodies. The procedure ANN-P-BL-015-3V is in place to ensure exchanges of information with the Commission and with other control authorities and control bodies.

Where a document or procedure provided for in Article 46 of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 or in the delegated and implementing acts adopted pursuant to that Article requires the signature of an authorised person or the approval by a person at one or more of the stages of that procedure, the computer systems set up for the communication of those documents CB makes it possible to identify each person and guarantee that the integrity of the content of the documents, including as regards the stages of the procedure, cannot be altered.

# X Exception rules and additional requirements

1. All the references to competent authorities and Member States in Annex II to Reg. 2018/848 which are mentioned in Reg. 2021/1698 Article 30 detailed process steps have been discibed in CB`s procedure ANN-P-BL-033 *Procedure for applicable Derogations, Permits and References to competent authorities and reporting procedures for activities in third countries referred to in Regulation 2021/1698;*
2. CB can grant Recognition of catastrophic circumstances according Reg. 2021/1698 Article 28. Procedure regarding Recognition of catastrophic circumstances ANN-P-BL-031 *Procedure about extraordinary Events and/or Circumstances Affecting Control body*;
3. Requirements for snails and eartworms and products obtained from them additional to Organic Production rules decribed in Reg. 2018/848:
   1. Snails and earthworms and the products obtained from them are sold with the indication "Organic agriculture", if one of the following requirements is met:
      1. they are born on an organic farm;
      2. they have been in the farm when starting the transition period of the farm in accordance with Regulation no. 2018/848 Annex II, Part II 1.2. section, and grown for 24 months in accordance with the requirements of this regulation;
      3. they have been brought to the farm and grown according to the requirements of Reg 2018/848 for 12 months.
   2. The control body may allow the inclusion of non-organically bred animals in the organic production unit, if organically bred animals are not available in sufficient quality or quantity in the territory of the country where the operator is located, in accordance with Regulation 2018/848 Annex II, Part II, 1.3.4.4. point declared by control body procedure ANN-P-BL-033-3V point 3;
   3. Provided feed obtained under Reg. 2018/848 requirements
   4. Substances are used for cleaning and disinfection, according to Reg. 2018/848 to the requirements of Article 24

# XI Specific requirements for the annual report referred to Reg. 2021/1698 in Article 4

1. For the purposes of the annual report, the technical dosser completed with the following:

(a) the control activities of the control body in the third country or third countries in the previous year, per category of products, as set out in Article 35(7) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848, including the information about the number of operators and groups of operators as well as the number of their members (including subcontractors, if the operators or groups of operators do not remain responsible for the subcontractors) which were subject to their controls on 31 December of the previous year, broken down by third country and category of products;

(b) an undertaking that the control body has performed the required updates of the translation of the production rules according to Article 1(2)(e) of this Regulation or any other relevant documents required for the purposes of Article 46(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 or this Regulation;

(c) any update of the internal procedures, including the certification and control system set up by the control body in compliance with this Regulation;

(d) a link to the website of the control body, with the information required in accordance with Article 17;

(e) an annual assessment report of the office where certification decisions are taken, as referred to in Reg. 2021/1698 point 2.1 of Part A of Annex I:

(i) ensuring that the control body has been satisfactorily assessed by the accreditation body in the previous year on its ability to ensure that products imported from third countries comply with Regulation (EU) 2018/848;

(ii) confirming that the control authority or control body still has the capacity and the competencies to implement the control requirements, conditions and measures set out in Article 46(2) and (6) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 and in this Regulation, in each third country for which it is recognised;

(iii) including any updated information of the annual assessment report as regards the results and an evaluation of:

— the checks of the files of the operators or groups of operators;

— the list of non-compliances, as well as the number of non-compliances in relation to the number of

certified operators or groups of operators;

— the handling of non-compliances and complaints, if any, with an explanation on the corrective measures

implemented by the operators or groups of operators for the lasting closure of its non-compliances;

— the catalogue of measures and its implementation;

— the risk analysis procedure;

— the annual risk plan;

— the sampling strategy, procedure and methodology;

— the changes to any of the procedures;

— the exchange of information with other control authorities, control bodies and the Commission;

— the competence of the staff involved in the inspection and certification process;

— the training programmes;

— the knowledge and competence of new staff;

— the effectiveness and reliability of the activity witnessed and an overall assessment of the performance of the control body;

— other elements that the accreditation body or competent authority considers relevant for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2018/848;

(iv) confirming as regards the extensions of the scope of recognition to additional third countries or categories of products in the previous year, the capacity and competencies of the control body to perform controls in accordance with this Regulation in each new third country or for each new category of products concerned, if there are active operators or groups of operators.

2. The annual report includes other information according Reg/ 2021/1698 Annex II