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Dear CERES Certification of Environmental Standards GmbH,

## **ORGANICS: Control Body Recognition for Exports to Great Britain**

I am pleased to confirm that CERES Certification of Environmental Standards GmbH is recognised to certify organic products to an equivalent Great Britain standard from 1 January 2026 for a period of 1 year and 6 months ending on 30 June 2027.

The recognition covers the following product categories:

- Category A: Unprocessed plant products
- Category B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products
- Category C: Unprocessed aquaculture products and seaweeds
- Category D: Processed agricultural products for use as food
- Category E: Processed agricultural products to use as feed
- Category F: Vegetative propagating materials and seeds for cultivation

Exceptions: in-conversion products.

Next steps:

- Please retain this document for your records.
- The recognition covers activity in countries as set out in Annex A
- In line with Article 12(1)(b) of Assimilated Regulation 1235/2008, a concise annual report must be submitted by 28 February updating the information submitted in the initial application (the “technical dossier”). The annual report must cover:
  - the control activities carried out by the control body in the previous year
  - the results obtained e.g. announced/unannounced inspections, sampling

- the irregularities and infringements observed, and the corrective measures taken
  - your accreditation body's up-to-date assessment report and confirmation that your scopes have not changed since issue.
- Article 65(2) of Assimilated Regulation 889/2008 requires annual sampling of at least 5% of operators and this must be included in your annual report to Defra for all countries that you are recognised by the UK to certify in.
- If your accreditation from your Accreditation Body is due to expire, please inform Defra at least 3 months in advance of the expiry date. When your accreditation is extended you must send us a copy of the new accreditation certificate as soon as possible, to arrive no later than the date of the expiry of the previous accreditation. **Your recognition will be withdrawn if your accreditation is removed, or if you do not send us a valid accreditation certificate.**
- This recognition can be withdrawn in the following cases, in accordance with the provisions of Article 12(2) of Assimilated Regulation 1235/2008:
  - (a) if your annual report has not been received by 28 February;
  - (b) if you do not notify us in due time of changes to your technical dossier;
  - (c) if you do not provide information to us during the investigations of an irregularity case;
  - (d) if you fail to take adequate corrective measures in response to the irregularities and infringements observed;
  - (e) if you do not agree to an on-the-spot examination required by us, or if an on-the-spot examination comes up with a negative result due to systematic malfunctioning of control measures;
  - (f) in any other situation presenting the risk for the consumer to be misled about the true nature of the products certified by you; or
  - (g) if you fail to take appropriate and timely remedial action after a request from us within a timescale calculated by us according to the severity of the problem, we will withdraw your recognition without delay. This is unlikely to be less than 30 days.
- Enquiries can be sent to: [uk\\_tc\\_cb\\_comms@defra.gov.uk](mailto:uk_tc_cb_comms@defra.gov.uk)
- Your entry will be listed in the UK's online register of recognised overseas control bodies at [Organic registers: lists of third countries or territories, control bodies and control authorities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/organic-registers-lists-of-third-countries-or-territories-control-bodies-and-control-authorities)

- Please contact us at least 6 months prior to the expiry of this recognition should you wish it to be considered for extension.

Yours sincerely



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## Annex A

### CERES Certification of Environmental Standards GmbH

Country of operation recognised	Categories recognised
United Arab Emirates	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Afghanistan	A - Unprocessed plant products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Belarus	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Benin	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Bolivia	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Brazil	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Burkina Faso	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Burundi	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Cambodia	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Chile	A - Unprocessed plant products

	B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food E - Processed agricultural products to use as feed
China	A: Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products C: Unprocessed aquaculture products and seaweeds D: Processed agricultural products for use as food Category F: Vegetative propagating materials and seeds for cultivation
Colombia	A: Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products C: Unprocessed aquaculture products and seaweeds D: Processed agricultural products for use as food
Democratic Republic of the Congo	A - Unprocessed plant products Category B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Dominican Republic	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Ecuador	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Egypt	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Ethiopia	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Grenada	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products

	D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Ghana	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Guatemala	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Hong Kong	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Indonesia	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Iran	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Jamaica	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Kazakhstan	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Kenya	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Laos	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Malaysia	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products

	D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Mali	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Moldova	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food F - Vegetative propagating materials and seeds for cultivation
Mozambique	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Myanmar/ Burma	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Namibia	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Nepal	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Nigeria	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Pakistan	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Paraguay	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Peru	A - Unprocessed plant products

	B - Live animals or unprocessed animal products C - Unprocessed aquaculture products and seaweeds D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Papua New Guinea	A - Unprocessed plant products B - Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Philippines	A - Unprocessed plant products B - Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Serbia	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food F - Vegetative propagating materials and seeds for cultivation
Russia	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Rwanda	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Saudi Arabia	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Sudan	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Singapore	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
South Africa	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products

	D - Processed agricultural products for use as food F - Vegetative propagating materials and seeds for cultivation
Sierra Leone	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Senegal	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Sri Lanka	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Taiwan	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Tanzania	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Thailand	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Togo	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Trinidad and Tobago	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Turkey	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food F - Vegetative propagating materials and seeds for cultivation

Taiwan	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Tanzania	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Ukraine	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Uganda	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
United Arab Emirates	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food
Vietnam	A - Unprocessed plant products B: Live animals or unprocessed animal products D - Processed agricultural products for use as food