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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.

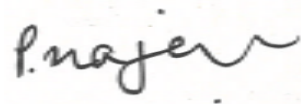
Next steps:

- 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 **Your recognition will be withdrawn if your accreditation is removed, or if you do not send us a valid accreditation certificate.**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
 - 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

- 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Najran', on a light-colored background.

Ms Pendi Najran
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Annex A

CERES Certification of Environmental Standards GmbH

| Country of operation recognised | Categories recognised |
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| 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 |
| Boliva | 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 |

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

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| | 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 |

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| | 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 |

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

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| | 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 |

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| 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 |