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Dear Organic Agriculture Certification Thailand (ACT),

Control Body recognition for export of organic food and feed to Great Britain

I am pleased to confirm that Organic Agriculture Certification Thailand (ACT) is recognised to certify organic products to an equivalent Great Britain organic standard from 1 January 2023 for a period of 3 years ending on 31 December 2025.

- Please retain this document for your records.
- The recognition covers the following product categories:
 - Category A: Unprocessed plant products
 - Category D: Processed agricultural products for use as food
 - Exceptions: In-conversion products and wine
- The recognition covers activity in countries as set out in Annex A.

Annual Report requirements:

- In line with Article 12(1)(b) of Retained Regulation 1235/2008, a concise annual report must be submitted by 28 February each year containing updated information submitted in the initial application (the “technical dossier”) starting from February 2023. 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 from your accreditation body that your scopes and countries which you operate in have not changed since issue.
- Article 65(2) of Retained 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.

Certificate issued to operators:

- Please note that new certificates issued to operators from 1 January 2023 whose products are certified to be exported to Great Britain will need to include the following: The named operator is certified to organic standards equivalent to retained Regulations 834/2007, 889/2008 and 1235/2008 for the purpose of exporting organic products into Great Britain.

Changes to your accreditation:

- When your accreditation is extended, please send a copy of the new accreditation certificate as soon as possible.
- **Please notify us immediately of any changes to your and provide an updated accreditation certificate e.g.: changes in scope or countries you are accredited to operate in.**
- **In addition, you must notify us if your accreditation is suspended or withdrawn by your accreditation body.**
- This recognition can be withdrawn in the following cases:
 - (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.

(g) if you fail to take appropriate and timely remedial action after a request from us within a period which we determine according to the severity of the problem. and which generally may not be less than 30 days.

GB Certificate of Inspection:

- Exports to Great Britain (GB) require a GB Certificate of Inspection (COI). More information can be found in Annex B.

Third Country Control Body Queries:

- 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/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

Organic Agriculture Certification Thailand (ACT)

Country of operation recognised	Categories recognised
Indonesia	Category A: Unprocessed plant products Category D: Processed agricultural products for use as food
Laos	Category A: Unprocessed plant products Category D: Processed agricultural products for use as food
Malaysia	Category A: Unprocessed plant products Category D: Processed agricultural products for use as food
Nepal	Category A: Unprocessed plant products Category D: Processed agricultural products for use as food
Thailand	Category A: Unprocessed plant products Category D: Processed agricultural products for use as food
Vietnam	Category A: Unprocessed plant products Category D: Processed agricultural products for use as food

Exceptions: In-conversion products and wine

Annex B

COI requirements:

To certify organic food and feed for export to Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales), you must be on the list of recognised third country control bodies: [Organic registers: lists of third countries or territories, control bodies and control authorities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/organic-registers-lists-of-third-countries-or-territories-control-bodies-and-control-authorities)

Each consignment of organic products must have a valid GB Certificate of Inspection (COI), this must be checked, signed and stamped before the products are exported. This must be done by you as the exporter's control body.

The COI template and guidance can be found in the email attachment.

On box 2 of the COI, you must tick the box Article 33(3) under retained Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, as it has effect in Great Britain.

Please contact Organic.Imports@defra.gov.uk if you have any questions.