# Catalogue of measures, for certification according to Reg. (EU) 2018/848

This document specifies general classification criteria and measures. Detailed non-compliances and respective measures are listed in the guidelines in the Intact database.

| Category of non-compliance | Classification criteria | Measures | Deadlines |
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| **Minor non-compliance** | The non-compliance does not affect the integrity of the organic or in-conversion product.<br><br>Precautionary measures are proportionate and appropriate and the self control efficient.<br><br>A traceability system is in place. | Depending on the situation, there are the following options:<br><br>Corrective action must be implemented and action plan must be submitted to bio.inspecta.<br><br>Usually, verification will be done during the next annual update inspection (depending on the situation, a shorter deadline may be requested, e.g. next submission of the data sheet, etc.).<br><br>Corrective action must be implemented and evidence submitted to bio.inspecta before certification.<br><br>An action plan on the correction of the non-compliance needs to be provided until a set deadline.<br><br>An action plan on the correction of the non-compliance needs to be provided before certification.<br><br>The operator or group of operators must increase the frequency of own controls and the action plan must be submitted to bio.inspecta.<br><br>Not correcting the minor non-compliance or repeated may lead to a majour non-compliance. | <br><br>14 days<br><br>Next inspection<br><br>14 days<br><br>14 days<br><br>14 days<br><br>14 days<br><br>one time repeat |

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| **Majour non-compliance** | The non-compliance affects the integrity of the organic or in-conversion product.<br><br>Precautionary measures are not proportionate and appropriate and the self control not efficient.<br><br>A traceability system is in place, allowing to locate the affected product in the supply chain and the product can be prevented from being imported to the EU with reference to organic production.<br><br>A minor non-compliance has not been corrected within the set time limits. | Decertification/ downgrading of certain plots, products, lots. The concerned products may not be marketed or advertised with reference to organic production according to Reg. (EU) 2018/848 with immediate effect.<br><br>New conversion period<br><br>Corrective action (action plan) is required in order to ensure that the non-compliance is not repeated. Improvement of the implementation of the precautionary measures and the controls that the operator has put in place to ensure compliance. | Immediate action<br><br>Immediate action<br><br>14 days |
| | Significant deviation between input and output calculation (mass balance) | The operator or group of operators must increase the frequency of own controls and submit the improvid action plan.<br><br>Not correcting the majour non-compliance or repeated may lead to a critical non-compliance. | 14 days<br><br>1 time repeat |

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| **Critical non-compliance** | The non-compliance affects the integrity of the organic or in-conversion product .<br><br>Precautionary measures are not proportionate and appropriate and the self control not efficient. | Decertification/ downgrading of of certain plots, products, lots. The concerned products may not be marketed or advertised with reference to organic production according to Reg. (EU) 2018/848 with immediate effect. | Immediate action |
| | The traceability system does not allow to located the affected product in the supply chain and the product cannot be prevented from being imported to the EU with reference to organic production. | New conversion period required | Immediate action |
| | Intentional use of unallowed inputs, intentional labelling of conventional products as organic, any other kind of fraud. | Corrective action is required in order to ensure that the non-compliance is not repeated in future (e.g. regarding precautionary measures and self control). | 14 days |
| | A majour non-compliance has not been corrected. | The operator or group of operators must increase the frequency of own controls and submit the improvd action plan. | 14 days |
| | Absence of records and financial records showing the compliance with<br><br>Regulation (EU) 2018/848 | Depending on the situation, the certificate is suspended for a certain period of time, or withdrawn. | Immediate action |
| | Intentional omission of information leading to incomplete records | | |
| | Falsification of documents connected with the certification of organic<br><br>Products | | |
| | Intentional re-labelling of downgraded products as organic | | |
| | Intentional mixing organic with in-conversion or non-organic products | | |
| | Intentional use of non-authorised substances or products within the scope<br><br>of the Regulation (EU) 2018/848 | | |
| | Intentional use of GMOs | | |

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| | The operator refuses the control authority or the control body access to<br>premises subject to controls, or to its book keepings, including financial<br>records, or refuses to allow the control authority or control body to take<br>samples | | |
| **Further texts for the evaluation/decision letter** | **Classification criteria** | **Measures** | |
| **Reminder** | Issues currently not relevant but might become so in future. | No measures are required. | Onsite verification next inspection |
| **Info request** | Documents which have not been available during inspection (plausible explanation), or need some correction (e.g. maps, crop rotation plans). | Evidence of corrective action must be provided within 14 days of notification and prior to certification. If evidence is not provided in time, this will lead to a majour or critical non-compliance.<br>repeated may lead to a critical non-compliance. | 14 days<br>1 time repeat |
| **Suspicion** | It is suspected, or substantiated information is received that products may not be in compliance with the organic regulation. | The operator may be required to provisionally not market concerned products with reference to the organic or in-conversion production method for a time period to be set by bio.inspecta. Before taking such a decision bio.inspecta shall allow the operator to comment within a deadline set by bio.inspecta. During this time period, evidence regarding the substantiated suspicion must be provided in order to take a final certification decision. If evidence is not provided in time or if there is no full cooperation of the operator in investigating a suspicion, this will lead to a majour or critical non-compliance.<br>If evidence is not provided in time, this will lead to critical non-compliance. | Blocked within given notice. |

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| **Additional controlling** | Additional controlling can be related to any situation making additional controlling necessary, such as new activity planned, activity not ongoing during main inspection, verification of implementation of corrective measures, additional control due to high risk classification, investigation because of suspicion. | Additional controls may be on-site or digital inspection visits, desktop documentary checks before issuing COIs, sampling and analysis. | Additional inspection within the planed time. |