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Dear Ms Almarza Esparza,

Thank you for your e-mail¹ of 26 July 2021 on the possibility to market sea salt with a term referring to organic production from 1 January 2022 in the absence of specific rules on organic salt.

As explained in our attached reply² to your similar question in your e-mail³ of 17 February 2020, Regulation (EU) 2018/848⁴ will apply from 1 January 2022 to salt labelled with a term referring to organic production and in particular the relevant objectives, principles and production rules laid down in Articles 4 to 10 and 16, as well as the labelling rules in Articles 30 to 33. Consequently, certificates for organic salt production may be provided for an operator or a group of operators complying with this Regulation.

Article 60 of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on '*transitional measures for stocks of organic products produced in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 834/2007*' does not apply to salt as salt was not in the scope of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007⁵.

¹ ARES(2021)4783372

² ARES(2020)1316223

³ ARES(2020)1010770

⁴ [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation \(EC\) No 834/2007 \(OJ L 150, 14.6.2018 p.1](#)

⁵ [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation \(EEC\) No 2092/91 \(OJ L 189, 20.7.2007, p. 1\)](#)

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The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your email of 26 July 2021 and expresses the view of the Commission services and does not commit the European Commission. In the event of a dispute involving Union law it is, under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, ultimately for the European Court of Justice to provide a definitive interpretation of the applicable Union law.

Yours sincerely,



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