



Test Concept ORGANIC SAFETY

SAFELY ORGANIC means: This organic product has been additionally checked by external organic experts from LebensmittelFairSicherung in accordance with the ARGE BIO testing system described below.

The requirements described below apply to the organisation under assessment and (if different) to the last processing facility, in the case of organic fresh fruit & vegetables to the whole supply chain up to the farm.

The following specifications always relate to a specific product and are largely checked before the goods are placed on the market.

1. REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING ORGANIC SAFETY

- a) **Certifications and inspection reports**
- b) **Supply chain & raw materials**
- c) **Security of origin**
- d) **Traceable flow of goods**
- e) **Precautionary measures, self-monitoring and risk management**
- f) **Process control of incoming goods at the processing plant**
- g) **Process control during production**
- h) **Packaging review** (*optionally, hand in hand with the graphic design by LebensmittelFairPackung*)
- i) **Check of organic status**

2. PRODUCTSPECIFIC CHECKPOINTS TO REDUCE RISKS

- a) **Warning values**
Depending on the product risk, LebensmittelFairSicherung can make recommendations for enhanced self-monitoring at suppliers or, if necessary, recommendations to block producers and/or goods.
- b) **Risk of fraud in agricultural production**
 - Shortened conversion period
 - Group certification
 - Conversion areas and parallel production
- c) **Chemical agents for peel treatment and additives in the washing water of organic fruit and vegetables**
- d) **Conventional ingredients of agricultural origin**
- e) **Collection of wild plants**
- f) **Official exemptions**
- g) **Risk countries according to Annex I**
- h) **Review of customer-specific requirements**

3. TEST INSTRUMENTS

- a) Verification of certificates and documents
- b) Packaging review
- c) Reviewing marketability certificates and analyses (incl. analysis of source and cause)
- d) On-site audits / inspections
- e) Store checks and monitoring (including quantity flow, traceability, ...)

For questions about the requirements and the test procedure, please contact office@lebensmittelfairsicherung.at ; +43 7583 20654.



Appendix I

A. Warning values according to point 2a

Bee-toxic active ingredients (including spinosad) Piperonyl butoxide (PBO) Chlorate Perchlorate	0.01 mg/kg
Plasticiser	> Detection limit
GMO	0.1 %

B. Risk Countries in accordance with point 2g

Raw materials originating from the following countries are classified by ARGE BIO as raw materials requiring special attention:

- China
- India
- Kazakhstan
- Mexico
- Moldova
- Romania
- Russia
- South Africa
- Thailand
- Togo
- Turkey
- Ukraine

Sources:

- DG SANTE (EU Commission): Guidelines on additional official controls on products originating from China
- DG SANTE (EU Commission): Guidelines on additional official controls on products originating from Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Turkey and Russian Federation
- EasyCert (<https://www.easy-cert.com/htm/gefaelschtezertifikate.htm?sprache=de>)
- EU Food Fraud Network and the Administrative Assistance and Cooperation System: Annual Report 2019
- IFOAM
- Organic market (<https://organic-market.info>)
- RASFF
- US Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, National Organic Program: Fraudulent Organic Certificates - as of 02/01/2025
- Findings from the activities of ARGE BIO and associated organisations