

## **Minutes of the Second meeting of the Working Group on Organic Products, 4 June 2025**

### **Point 1 - Opening remarks and adoption of the agenda**

The UK co-chair welcomed participants to the meeting. The provisional agenda, as published in advance, was formally adopted. Both Parties delivered opening statements and acknowledged the recent positive announcement on the UK-EU SPS Agreement, which includes organics within its scope.

The EU and the UK reaffirmed their commitment to honouring existing agreements, such as the Windsor Framework and the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA).

### **Point 2 – Update on planned and ongoing organics legislative developments**

The UK informed the EU that the Organics Regulatory Review remains on hold. In the interim work has commenced on a statutory instrument to temporarily extend specific organic farming derogations in England, Scotland, and Wales for a 12-month period from December 2025.

The EU gave an update on regulatory developments, which included amended rules on the organic logo and oenological practices as well as the list of Control bodies recognised under the 'compliance' regime.

### **Point 3 – Review of Annex 14 TCA implementation**

Both parties provided information on actions taken to ensure compliance with the scope of the agreement, in relation to relabelled or repackaged products.

The UK and the EU discussed instances of out-of-scope products being traded in both directions and exchanged on information actions undertaken to clarify the scope of the agreement with Control Bodies, importers, ports and Member States, respectively.

The parties also provided information on the state of play of responses to irregularities notifications.

The EU acknowledged the UK's progress in addressing irregularities and noted a few areas for continued discussion and improvement. Both Parties agreed to explore this further at technical level.

The parties also took note of transmission of the Annual reports prior to the meeting.

Finally, both parties praised the good technical collaboration that allowed to effectively address specific fraud cases in the organics supply chain or sectorial issues.

### **Point 4 - Introduction to UK requirement for Certificates of Inspection (COIs) for EU products imported to GB from 1 Feb 2027**

The UK welcomed the inclusion of organic products in the proposed SPS Agreement. Notwithstanding this, the UK confirmed it is preparing for all outcomes and that under current UK legislation (SI 2025/18), COIs from the EU, EEA, and Switzerland will be required from 01 February 2027.

The UK will keep the Commission, Member States, and stakeholders informed of any planned changes.

### **Point 5 – Actions and next steps**

The parties agreed to exchange details of out-of-scope products and irregularities in writing and follow up specific issues through dedicated technical discussions, as appropriate.

**Point 6 – Any other business**

No points raised.