

EXPLANATIONS

¹ According to the notification issued by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, additional control measures will be applied to certain products whose origin is specified (including Turkey). To enable the planning of additional control measures, please specify the CN-Combined Nomenclature/GTIP-Customs Tariff Statistical Position Numbers of your products. Additionally, if control and certification are required under EU Regulation (EU) 2018/848, in accordance with Article 2(1) of this Regulation, agricultural products as listed in Annex I to the TFEU (Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union) Consequently, CN numbers must be specified. Exceptionally, "(EU) 2018/848 Annex I Products Closely Related to Agriculture" are not included in the EU's official CN list of agricultural products.

² In the producer group application, provide the information of member producers in an additional table (it should include: producer name, Turkish ID number, contact information, ICS registration date, island/parcel numbers, parcel/land sizes (organic, in transition, and non-organic), coordinates, product names, estimated harvest quantity, and the regulation for which certification is requested, the start date of the transition period if applicable, and yield estimates, the date of the last internal control, including the name of the ICS controller, the date of the list, and its version.

³ For more information on standards, requirements, and the "small producer group/internal control system (ICS)," please contact us or visit the USDA NOP website: USDA organic regulations

⁴ Large-scale producers are defined as producers whose external certification costs are less than 2% of their annual turnover. For more information, please contact us.

⁵ Property Rights: According to NOP 4009, a certified operator may engage in agricultural production on leased land or process agricultural products using leased facilities or equipment. Leased units may be included in the certification provided that the applicant is 100% responsible for the management of the leased unit during the lease period.

⁶ Başak Ekolojik is authorized to conduct inspections under EU Organic regulations in certain countries. For a complete list of authorized countries, please contact us or visit our website. For USDA NOP applications, NOP Policy 4009 (Q&A document regarding parties requiring certification) regarding contract units must be taken into consideration: Each certified unit must have its own separate organic certificate; certificates cannot be shared by multiple operations.

⁷ Contract units: Under the EU Organic Certification, an operator may delegate any of its activities to a third party in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 and Article 86 of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008. Under the USDA NOP, customers may use contract units; however, each of these units must be certified separately.

⁸ "Management responsibility": This column does not need to be filled in for NOP applications. However, for EU Organic applications, it is mandatory to declare whether the applicant continues to bear responsibility for activities outsourced to subcontractors. If responsibility for the activities remains with the applicant, "applicant" should be filled in; if the subcontractors have individual certification and are responsible for organic production, "subcontractor" should be filled in.

⁹ "Certified": This column must be filled in for NOP applications. For EU Organic applications, this column must be filled in only if the responsibility for the contract manufacturing unit(s) lies with the contract manufacturer.

¹⁰ Certified producers must maintain their previous certification or submit their previous certification in writing in accordance with USDA organic regulations. Certified producers who change their inspection agency and intend to continue producing or selling organic products must maintain their current certification until they receive certification from the new certifying inspection agency. If you do not maintain or submit your previous certificate, the organization that issued your previous certificate may take adverse action against your activities. In such cases, your activities will still be subject to adverse action by the organization that issued your previous certificate.