

Dear valued customers,

As your organic Control Body, Kiwa BCS is responsible to inform you about a very important notification we received from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova you can read below.

Dear Kiwa BCS,

Hereby, with reference to the notification letter issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry no. 15-07/3155 from 18.09.2024 regarding recognition of the control body Kiwa BCS Öko-Garantie GmbH to operate on territory of Republic of Moldova, informs the following.

According to the article 24 of the Law no. 237/2023 regarding production and labelling of organic products, "Prior introducing any product on the market as "organic" or "in conversion" or before the conversion period, operators and groups of operators who <u>produce</u>, <u>process</u>, <u>distribute</u> or <u>store</u> organic products or in conversion, who <u>import</u> or <u>export</u> such products or that introduces such products to the market **registers its activity at the control authority**. Upon registration, operators or groups of operators indicate the control body that verify their compliance with organic production rules.

As the time of writing, not all operators listed on your webpage or reported as clients for the 2023 have registered their activity at the Ministry. We would like to draw your attention, that operators failing to register to the control authority might be sanctioned and should be considered by control body as a non-conformity.

Please, consider taking necessary measures to inform the operators you have contracts with, that they must submit their registration to the Ministry. The below link provides the forms that must be completed by the operators. Nevertheless, they can contact us directly by the contacts provided with this email.

https://maia.gov.md/ro/content/fi%C8%99ele-de-%C3%AEnregistrare-%C3%AEn-agricultura-ecologic%C4%83

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact, Ms. Marina ILUŞCA, head of the Department of organic production and products with designation of origin (email: <u>marina.ilusca@maia.gov.md</u>, tel. +373 22 204 524).

With this customer information letter, Kiwa BCS kindly asks all affected certified customers get in touch immediately with the Ministry using contact data from above.

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If you have any queries or general questions about the control procedures, we will be happy to help you during our office hours by telephone (+49 911 42439 - EXT) or all day by e-mail. All contact details can be found on our website, too: <u>https://www.kiwa.com/de/en/about-kiwa/subsidiaries/contact-persons-kiwa-bcs-oko-garantie-gmbh/</u>

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Office hours (Central European Time)

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