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Dear

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Organic Operators in United Kingdom (UK)

Thank you for your request for information of 6 April 2020 about organic operators in UK. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

Please could you send me a list of the food & drink and farming operators currently certified organic in the UK.

We enclose a copy of the list of organic producers. This data is collected by the organic control bodies and is a full list of all licenced organic producers in the UK as at 31 December 2018, the latest available.

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We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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## Annex A

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**Annex B** 

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