

Minutes of the third meeting of the Working Group on Organic Products, 25 June 2026

Point 1: opening remarks and adoption of the agenda

The UK Co-Chair welcomed participants to the meeting. The provisional agenda, which had been circulated in advance, was formally adopted.

Both Parties delivered opening statements, referring to the ongoing discussions on the UK–EU SPS Agreement outside of this Working Group process, which includes organic products within its scope, and welcoming the constructive cooperation and strong working relationship established over the years.

The EU and the UK reaffirmed their commitment to honouring existing agreements.

Point 2: update on planned and ongoing organics legislative developments

The EU presented its proposal for a targeted review of Regulation (EU) 2018/848, which is currently under discussion by the EU co-legislators, as well as other regulatory developments, including Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/2651 regarding certain rules on establishment of the list of high-risk countries and high-risk products, Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1470 on publication of the lists of operators and groups of operators and of information relating to the Organic Operator Certificate provided to operators and groups of operators, as well as several amendments to Implementing Regulation 2021/1378.

The UK, for its part, confirmed that work is ongoing on the review of specific derogations applicable to organic farming and on additional official controls guidelines. The UK also indicated that it would review the obligation to issue Certificates of Inspection (COIs) for goods originating in the EU from February 2027, in the light of the ongoing discussions on the SPS Agreement.

Point 3: review of annex 14 TCA implementation

The Parties exchanged information on the state of play of non-compliance notifications. While welcoming the reduction in the number of new non-compliance cases notified by Member States to the UK, the EU noted that the majority of non-compliances concern a single operator. The Parties agreed to hold a further technical meeting to address this specific case.

As regards out-of-scope products, the Parties acknowledged the need for further exchanges and guidance on the definition of processed agricultural products.

Both Parties commended the good technical cooperation, which has contributed to a more effective implementation of the Agreement.

Finally, the EU acknowledged receipt of the UK annual report on activities carried out in 2025 and informed the UK that its own report would be shared in the coming weeks.

Point 6: any other business

No further points raised.