

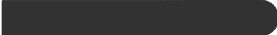


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Subject: Statement on Certificate of Inspection (COI) Exemption for South African Organic Blueberries


We are pleased to confirm that Blueberries Holdings (Pty) Ltd, located at 32 Market St, Esterville, Paarl, 7646, South Africa, holds a valid organic certification under ECOCERT SA and is compliant with EU Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 and (EC) No 889/2008 for the production and export of organic Bluecrop blueberries.

South Africa is recognized as a third country with equivalent organic standards under the EU's organic regulations, as per the agreement between the European Union and the Republic of South Africa.

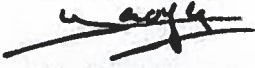
Consequently, organic products certified by ECOCERT in South Africa, including IQF organic blueberries, do not require a Certificate of Inspection (COI) for entry into the EU via the TRACES system.

The ECOCERT certification, along with accompanying Certificates of Analysis (CoA) for pesticide residues and microbiology, ensures compliance with EU organic import requirements.

Blueberries Holdings organic blueberries are produced in accordance with Global and SAOSO standards, which are audited annually by ECOCERT to verify equivalence with EU organic standards.

Export documentation, including batch-specific CoAs and ECOCERT certification, is sufficient for customs clearance and organic status verification in the EU.

Sincerely,


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