

Pet Food

Guidance for meeting 848



Pet food is included under scope of EC organic reg 2018/848

Details are covered by implementing act 2023/2419

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Definitions EC reg 766/209:

- 'Pet' or 'pet animal' means any non-food producing animal belonging to species fed, bred or kept, but not normally used for human consumption in the community
- 'Prepacked pet food' means any single item of pet food for presentation as such to the final consumer, consisting of pet food and the packaging into which it was put before being offered for sale, whether such packaging encloses the pet food completely or only partially, but in any event in such a way that the contents cannot be altered without opening or changing the packaging; 'prepacked pet food' does not cover pet food which is packed on the sales premises at the final consumer's request or pet food which is prepacked for direct sale

Pet food labelling - organic

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- EU organic leaf logo and associated statement of agriculture is compulsory on prepacked product (retail packed)
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Controls for organic pet food

Pet food is covered in the organic regulation under the same controls as animal feed

Must comply with the production rules for feed covered by Part V of annex II of 2018/848 - Processed feed production rules

This covers all requirements for procedures required for processing feed, precautionary measures, segregation, identification, cleaning, record keeping and product composition

Less than 95% organic labelling

Reference to organic may only appear in ingredients list

Ingredients list must have the following inclusions and formatting:

- indicate which ingredients are organic
- include the total percentage of organic ingredients in proportion to the total quantity of agricultural ingredients
- reference to organic must be in the same colour and in an identical size and style of lettering as the other
- EU logo not permitted
- certification code required

Less than 95% organic composition

If less than 95% of the agricultural ingredients of the product by weight are organic, the product:

- may only use feed additives and processing aids listed as permitted inputs in EC
- regulation 2021/1165 - View full details in our 848 input comparison spreadsheet
- may use non-organic feed material of plant, algal, animal or yeast origin
- feed materials of mineral origin do not have to be listed in 2021/1165 but must be used in line with 767/2009 the feed regulation
- feed materials must not have been processed with the aid of chemically synthesised solvents

Containing products of hunting and fishing - labelling

Products that:

Main ingredient is a product of hunting or fishing

All other agricultural ingredients are organic

May refer to organic in sales description provided is clear organic is not referring to the hunting/fishing ingredient

Ingredients list must have the following inclusions and formatting:

- indicate which ingredients are organic
- the total percentage of organic ingredients in proportion to the total quantity of agricultural ingredients
- reference to organic must be in the same colour and in an identical size and style of lettering as the other ingredients
- EU logo not permitted
- certification code required

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Controls for less than 95% organic and products with ingredients of hunting and fishing

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Must comply points 1.5, 2.1 and 2.2 of Part V of Annex II 2018/848:

- **1.5** - Covers procedures required for processing feed, precautionary measures, segregation, identification, cleaning, record keeping and product composition
- **2.1** - Cannot use an ingredient in both organic & non-organic form in a product. Or in-conversion & organic form
- **2.2** - Feed materials must not have been processed with the aid of chemically synthesised solvents