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KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

Import of Organic food products



1. Regulation

Authority:	Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture in Saudi Arabia
Notification:	License number C0602RK08 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture. Clearance Conditions and Requirements for the import of Organic food products into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Starting date:	March 2022
Appointed company(ies):	BUREAU VERITAS and other companies
Scope of the regulation:	Organic food products to be imported in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia according to the clearances conditions and requirements for organic food products, Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods and on Article 7 of the Organic Agricultural System of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
Assessment based on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Documentary review ▪ Systematic Physical inspection ▪ Conclusion of the assessment
Remark:	N/A

2. Products subject

Subjected goods:	Organic food products
Second-hand goods:	Not applicable
Prohibited goods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pig, its meat, fat, hair, blood, intestines and any other part and their derivatives (including additives, colorants, any derivative substance) ▪ Frog meat ▪ Nutmeg and pure powder ▪ Cola acuminata ▪ Betel-pepper ▪ Any drink bearing ZamZam's name ▪ Alcoholic wines and intoxicants of all kinds ▪ All food items that are manufactured by animal blood <p>Exported goods to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia shall not consist of and shall not contain anything which is considered to be unlawful or prohibited according to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia regulations. See Saudi Customs website: https://www.customs.gov.sa/en/general/Prohibited-goods</p>
Restricted goods:	See SFDA food circulars on SFDA website: https://www.sfda.gov.sa/ar/circulars?keys=&date%5Bmin%5D=&date%5Bmax%5D=&tags=1
Counterfeited goods:	Not allowed
Exempted goods:	Not applicable
Minimum value subject to the programme:	No

3. Technical requirement

Conformity requirements:	Compliance of goods to conditions and requirements for organic food products clearance in addition to national deviations shall be demonstrated with conformity documents issued by an accredited entity and satisfactory inspection.
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National deviations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Product shall be complying with the requirement of the approved technical regulations ▪ Product shall not be among one of the items to which import prohibitions apply ▪ Product shall not have Israeli origin or bearing Israeli logos ▪ Marking shall not contain depictions that are offensive to the Islamic traditions and social values in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia ▪ Following marking shall be mentioned in Arabic at least (and if an additional language is used, all information shall be matching with the Arabic one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Product name ○ Production unit number and related location, country ○ Production date and expiration date ○ Name or number or registered logo of the certification body, issuer of the organic certificate ○ Name and address of the producing company, of the exporting company and of the importing company ○ Nutritional information of the manufactured products and their components ○ If product is constituted from more than one component, list of all ingredients of the product ○ All ingredients shall be mentioned and listed in a descending order according to weight and production time
Labelling requirements:	<p>a) Marking and Labelling shall comply with the requirements of GSO 9 Food labelling, GSO 2374 (Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods), GSO 2511 (Pre-packaged whole organic dates) and Article 7 of the Organic Agricultural System of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</p> <p>b) Medical claims are not acceptable (if any), see SFDA general rules for products claims https://sfda.gov.sa/en/regulations/85337</p>
Other specific requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Products being supplied from certain countries shall also bear a Certificate of Conformity (CoC), as they are considered under the scope of Food Consignment Certification Program. Exporter/Importer shall be aware of this requirement. (Bureau Veritas is not appointed yet for this program). ▪ Exported food products meets other applicable requirements of Saudi Food Law, Standards and regulations and related documents/certificates would be obtained such as depending on the nature of the product and country of export: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Certificate of Conformity SFDA – Original Halal certificate – Certificate of Halal Slaughter – Phytosanitary certificate

4. Application

Applicant:	Exporter or Importer
Application name:	Request for certificate (RFC)
Required documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Request for Certificate (RFC) ▪ Copy of final invoice is required, pro-forma is acceptable to open the file only, and contain at least the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Name of the manufacturer and nationality/origin – Number of the invoice and date – Name of the product – Batch number or lot number or production date ▪ Exporter declaration ▪ Valid organic certificates covering all shipped products ▪ Organic certificate shall be related to the organic production unit, and issued by the component authority of the country of origin or the certified authentication company

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Valid SFDA registration number (all shipped products shall be registered on the SFDA system for food import) ▪ Importer authentication certificate complying to Saudi Organic Agriculture Law and by Law, issued by one of the approved bodies by the Ministry of Environment, Water and agriculture in Saudi Arabia ▪ Transport document
Required information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HS code as per the Saudi tariff code (optional) ▪ SFDA registration number for each line item ▪ Batch or lot number or production date of each line item
Application office(s):	Bureau Veritas offices (see contacts list on Verigates): https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/saudi-arabia

5. Control testing requirements

Applicable cases:	Not applicable
Laboratory criteria:	Not applicable
Testing:	Not applicable

6. Physical inspection requirements

Scope of inspection:	Review of markings as per applicable standard(s) and identification of products
Destination inspection:	Not allowed
Witness of loading:	Not mandatory
Seal of container/stamping/tape sealing of products:	Not mandatory
Sampling:	Not applicable
Type of report issued:	Inspection report (IR)

7. Facilitation procedures

Not applicable

8. Conclusion of the Assessment

- Certificate of Exportation (CoE)
- Non-Conformity Report (NCR)

9. Fees

Paid by the Exporter/Importer
350 USD + 0.5% of FOB value of the goods imported

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10. Contacts

See contacts sheet for details on Verigates: <https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/saudi-arabia>

11. Other relevant information

N/A

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