



# Organic Food & Beverage



The Organic Food & Beverage sector covers food & beverage products as defined in compliance with EU Regulations on organic food and with the EU organic logo on its packaging, including the following sub-sectors:

- Organic baby food
- Organic cereals/cereal products
- Organic dairy
- Organic bakery products
- Organic spreads
- Organic confectionary
- Organic sauces, dressings and condiments
- Organic oil and fats
- Organic ingredients
- Organic beer, wine & spirits

- Organic juice
- Organic tea, coffee & cocoa
- Organic fruits & vegetables
- Organic meat/meat products
- Organic seafood/seafood products (South East Asia only)

## ***Korea focus***

### **Processed organic food and beverages products only, excluding organic seafood/seafood products**

"Food manufactured, processed and packaged by adding food or food additives to food raw materials (agricultural, forestry, livestock or marine products), transforming food raw materials (such as grinding or cutting) till their original forms cannot be recognised, or mixing such transformed ones or adding food or food additives to such mixture.

However, where, without the use of food additives or other materials, the agricultural, forestry, livestock or marine products are simply cut, peeled, salted, ripened or heated (except the cases where heating is performed for sterilisation or heating causes significant changes to those products) till their original forms can be recognized or where sanitary risks from treatment processes are not expected and food raw materials are simply treated so as to allow organoleptic identification of food quality, such food products are excluded from the definition of processed food."

Companies seeking to apply for a Business Mission in Organic Food & Beverage to Korea are encouraged to check the flow chart in the side bar to pre-determine compliance with the general requirements that the Korean authorities have defined for accepting their products as "processed products", and can therefore be imported into Korea under the Equivalence Agreement on organic food. Please note that this is an unofficial translation of the document (also found [here](#) [1] in Korean). Applying European companies offering products that fall in the categories in the table below are encouraged to pay particular attention to ensure their compliance to the definition of "processed products" as per the flowchart aside.

<b><i>Organic ingredients</i></b>	Preparation must involve processing such that the product is neither an "agricultural product" or a "simple-processed agricultural product".
<b><i>Organic beer, wine &amp; spirits</i></b>	The added value of the organic label for wine is not perceived and so the EU leaf logo is often covered over.
<b><i>Organic juice</i></b>	Location of production of the fruit in a third country was raised, it was confirmed that the final processing, being in the EU, meant it was within the EA.
<b><i>Organic fruits &amp; vegetables</i></b>	Preparation of vegetables and fruits must involve processing such that the product is neither an "agricultural product" or a "simple-processed agricultural product". Whole nuts considered an "agricultural product" as they are not subjected to any treatment process.
<b><i>Organic meat / meat products</i></b>	This has not been included by any companies on missions to date. Import restrictions likely.
<b><i>Organic ice cream</i></b>	Import restrictions for dairy ice cream from some countries.

### Resources:

- [EU law on organic production](#) [2]: an overview (European Commission)
- [The new organic production logo of the European Union](#) [3] (IFOAM EU Group)

Additional resources:

- [Promotion of IP Matters in the Food & Beverages Sector related to Vietnam, Singapore and Indonesia](#) [4]: webinar (CHAFFEA)
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- [1] <http://www.mfds.go.kr/index.do?x=0&searchkey=title:contents&searchDiv=&mid=699&searchword=%ED%8C%90%EB%8B%A8&cd=&y=0&pageNo=1&seq=25104&cmd=v>
- [2] [https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/eu-policy/eu-legislation/brief-overview\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/eu-policy/eu-legislation/brief-overview_en)
- [3] <http://www.ifoam-eu.org/en/file/2227>
- [4] <https://ec.europa.eu/chafea/agri/newsroom-and-events/webinars/promotion-ip-matters-food-beverage-s-sector-related-vietnam-singapore>