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Report on official controls in the organic sector

Country : Lithuania
Report submitted in : 2021
Concerns activity during year : 2020



Part 1 : Information on the control of operators

LT-EKO-001 : Ekoagros

Status : Confirmed

1.1a Number of registered operators

Agricultural producers (*)	2230
Aquaculture animal production units	12
Processors (**)	97
Importers	1
Exporters	0
Others Operators (***)	193
Total	2533

1.2 Number of annual inspections on operators by control bodies/authorities

	Total	Announced	Unannounced
Agricultural producers (*)	2289	2170	119
Aquaculture animal production units	12	11	1
Processors (**)	144	124	20
Importers	1	1	0
Exporters	0	0	0
Other Operators (***)	186	181	5 (!)
Total	2632	2487	145

1.2.e) Comments

The number of annual inspections in the category "other operators" is lower than the number of operators due to the fact that in this category wholesale operators are being included. National rules regulate that the wholesale operators which only market packaged and labeled organic products are inspected by the control institution at least once every 2 years.

(!) The number of annual inspections should be equal to or greater than the corresponding value in "1.1a - Number of registered operators" !

1.3 Number of additional risk-based visits on operators by control bodies/authorities

	Total	Announced	Unannounced
Agricultural producers (*)	125	25	100
Aquaculture animal production units	1	0	1
Processors (**)	18	0	18
Importers	0	0	0
Exporters	0	0	0
Other Operators (***)	4	0	4
Total	148	25	123 (!)

1.3.e) Comments

The number of additional inspections is less than 10 percent due to the restrictions affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, it stands at 5,84 percent and complies with derogations determined in the Commission Implementing Regulation No. 2020/977.

(!) The total number of additional risk-based visits should be at least 10% of the total number of registered operators !

1.4 Total inspections and visits

	Total	Announced	Unannounced
Agricultural producers (*)	2414	2195	219
Aquaculture animal production units	13	11	2
Processors (**)	162	124	38



Importers	1	1	0
Exporters	0	0	0
Other Operators (***)	190	181	9
Total	2780	2512	268 (!)

1.4 a) Comments

The number of unannounced inspections is less than 10 percent due to the restrictions affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, it stands at 9,64 percent and complies with derogations determined in the Commission Implementing Regulation No. 2020/977.

(!) The total number of unannounced inspections should be at least 10% of the total number of inspections !

1.5 Number of samples taken at operators by control bodies/authorities

Agricultural producers (*)	127
Aquaculture animal production units	1
Processors (**)	15
Importers	0
Exporters	0
Other Operators (***)	1
Total	144

1.6 Number of samples analysed indicating non-compliance with organic rules

Agricultural producers (*)	10
Aquaculture animal production units	0
Processors (**)	3
Importers	0
Exporters	0
Other Operators (***)	0
Total	13

1.7 Number of irregularities/infringements (1)

Agricultural producers (*)	2018
Aquaculture animal production units	21
Processors (**)	129
Importers	1
Exporters	0
Other Operators (***)	125
Total	2294

1.7.c) Description of irregularities/infringements (non-compliance) and/or classification by type

1.8 Number of measures applied on products (for the lot or production run) (2)

Agricultural producers (*)	519
Aquaculture animal production units	0
Processors (**)	8
Importers	0
Exporters	0
Other Operators (***)	1
Total	528



1.8.c) Description of the measures applied on products

1.9 Number of measures applied on operators (3)

Agricultural producers (*)	9
Aquaculture animal production units	0
Processors (**)	2
Importers	0
Exporters	0
Other Operators (***)	0
Total	11

1.9.c) Description of the measures applied on operators

(*) Agricultural producers include agricultural producers only, producers that are also processors, producers that are also importers, other mixed producers not elsewhere classified (n.e.c.).

(**) Processors include processors only, processors that are also importers, other mixed processors n.e.c.

(***) Other operators include traders (wholesalers, retailers), other operators n.e.c.

(1) Only irregularities and infringements which affect the organic status of products and/or have resulted in a measure being applied are included.

(2) Where an irregularity is found as regards compliance with the requirements laid down in this Regulation, the control authority or control body shall ensure that no reference to the organic production method is made in the labelling and advertising of the entire lot or production run affected by this irregularity, where this would be proportionate to the relevance of the requirement that has been violated and to the nature and particular circumstances of the irregular activities (as referred to in first subparagraph of Article 30(1) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007).

(3) Where a severe infringement or an infringement with prolonged effect is found, the control authority or control body shall prohibit the operator concerned from marketing products which refer to the organic production method in the labelling and advertising for a period to be agreed with the competent authority of the Member State (as referred to in second subparagraph of Article 30(1) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007).



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Part 2 : Information on supervision and audits of control bodies
LT-EKO-001 : Ekoagros

No part 2 available for this Control Body



Part 3 : Conclusion on the control system for organic production

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Status : Confirmed

3.1 Withdrawal of approval

Has been Withdrawn

NO

Action taken to ensure effective operation
of the control system (enforcement)

No withdrawal of PI "Ekoagros".

The certification system of PI Ekoagros is efficient, objective and independent, carried out in accordance with approved procedures, procedures and iorders, and in compliance with the provisions of legislation.



Other info & performance statement

Status : Confirmed

2.a Information on supervision and audits of control bodies (Other Informations)

2.a.1.1 Number of market controls (=controls carried out at the stage of distribution, such as marketplaces, retailers) carried out on organic products 167

2.a.1.2 Number of controlled organic products, out of which number of non-compliant products 10

2.a.1.3 Results of controls (action taken)

2.a.2) Alleged fraud cases

3.2 Statement of overall performance of the control system

Individual violations of legal acts are established in the entities handling organic products, when non-certified sales activities of organic products are carried out, violations of the labeling of organic products are detected.

During the official control, 43 samples were selected, no violations were identified

3.3 Some of operators certified by more than one control body

NO