



Introduction to organic certification for farmers and growers

In order to sell produce as organic, you must be registered with one of the control bodies (formerly known as organic certification bodies) listed on this sheet. They are private companies who are licensed by the UK government to enforce the organic standards. The standards cover all aspects of organic production from soil treatments and animal feeds to health plans and manure management. Minimum standards are set by the European Union and interpreted by DEFRA under the guidance of the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS). The control bodies are responsible for the implementation of the standards at farm level, and may sometimes add requirements of their own. Besides certifying producers, the control bodies license other elements of the food production chain, including processors and abattoirs. They may also certify imported organic food.

When you apply for certification, you will receive a copy of that organization's standards, and you will be required to follow these at all times. To prove that you are following them you will have to keep detailed records, and be visited by an inspector once a year. The standards include an element of flexibility allowing cases to be judged individually. In certain cases you may apply to your control body for a 'derogation' or official permission to waive the requirements, particularly as the organic market is still developing and organic inputs may be scarce.

How to choose?

Control bodies vary in the way that they interpret the standards, sometimes setting them higher than the legal minimum. Other factors to consider are the fees they charge, the marketability of the symbol, and of course how helpful they are: try phoning them or get recommendations from other certified producers. It is possible to change your control body as long as certain conditions are met.

Control bodies operating in Wales

Symbol	Code	Contact details
	GB6	The Biodynamic Agricultural Association , Demeter Office, 2 Upper Grange, Lovedays Mead, Stroud GL5 1XB Demeter@biodynamic.org.uk ☎01453 766296 📠 www.biodynamic.org.uk
	GB4	The Organic Food Federation , 31 Turbine Way, EcoTech Business Park Swaffham, Norfolk, PE37 7XD info@orgfoodfed.com ☎ 01760 720444 📠 www.orgfoodfed.com/index.html
	GB2	Organic Farmers & Growers Ltd , The Old Estate Yard, Albrighton, Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 3AG info@organicfarmers.org.uk ☎ 0845 330 5122 📠 0845 330 5123 www.organicfarmers.org.uk
	GB13	Quality Welsh Food Certification Ltd , PO Box 8, Gorseland, North Road, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion SY23 2WB. ☎ 01970 636688 📠 01970 624049 📠 www.wlbp.co.uk/organic_overview
	GB5	Soil Association Certification Ltd , South Plaza, Marlborough Street, Bristol BS1 3NX ☎ Producer Certification 0117 914 2412 prod.cert@soilassociation.org ☎ Processor Certification 0117 914 2411 proc.cert@soilassociation.org . 📠 www.soilassociation.org

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Cyflwyniad i dystysgrifio organig ar gyfer ffermwyr a thyfwyr

Er mwyn cael gwerthu cynnyrch organig, mae'n rhaid eich bod wedi cofrestru gydag un o'r cyrff rheoli (gynt a elwir yn gyrff tystysgrifio organig) sydd wedi eu nodi ar y daflen hon. Cwmnïau preifat ydynt, wedi eu trwyddedu gan Llywodraeth y DU i oruchwylio eich bod yn cydymffurfio â'r safonau organig. Mae'r safonau yn gynhwysfawr, yn ymwneud â phob agwedd o gynhyrchu organig, o driniaethau pridd, bwydydd anifeiliaid, cynlluniau iechyd hyd at sut mae rheoli carthion anifeiliaid. Gosodir y safonau sylfaenol gan yr Undeb Ewropeaidd a'u dehongli gan DEFRA o dan reolaeth yr *'United Kingdom Accreditation Service'* (UKAS)). Cyfrifoldeb y corff rheoli yw diogelu bod y ffermwr yn cydymffurfio â'r safonau hyn, ac weithiau bydd y corff rheoli yn gosod safonau uwch. Swyddogaeth arall sydd gan y corff rheoli yw trwyddedu'r cysylltiadau arall yn y gadwyn fwyd sef proseswyr a'r lladd-dai. Weithiau byddant yn tystysgrifio bwyd organig sydd yn cael ei fewnforio.

Pan yn gwneud cais i dystysgrifio, byddwch yn derbyn copi o safonau'r corff y dewisoch ac mae'n ofynnol i chi lynu at y rhain yn ffyddlon. Er mwyn profi hyn, rhaid cadw cofnodion manwl, a chael ymweliad blynyddol gan archwiliwr. Mae yna elfen o hyblygrwydd i'r safonau sydd yn galluogi'r archwiliwr i farnu pob achos yn annibynnol. Mewn rhai amgylchiadau gellir gwneud cais i'r corff rheoli am ran-ddirymiad (*derogation*), neu ganiatâd swyddogol i wyro oddi wrth y gofynion, gan nad yw'r farchnad organig wedi llawn datblygu eto ac mae rhai elfennau angenrheidiol yn brin.

Sut mae gwneud y dewis ?

Mae'r cyrff rheoli yn cyflwyno'r safonau yn wahanol, gan eu gosod weithiau yn uwch na safonau UKAS. Rhaid hefyd ystyried y gost flynyddol, a fydd y symbol o fantais i chi werthu eich cynnyrch, ac wrth gwrs a ydynt yn barod i'ch helpu: cysylltwch â nhw neu gwrandewch ar sylwadau cynhyrchwyr ardystiedig eraill. Gellir newid eich corff rheoli os gwnewch gydymffurfio â rhai amodau.

Cyrff rheoli sydd yn gweithredu yng Nghymru

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