

What is it?

- Since 2001, the **state organic seal** has been in place to label organic products more uniformly (BMEL, 2022)
- All products that have been produced and controlled in accordance with EU legislation on organic farming can bear the organic logo. The basis for this is the "**Organic Labeling Act**" (BMEL, 2022).

Application & Costs

- Application via eco-control bodies. [Here](#) you will find all companies at a glance
- It pays to get quotes: prices for certification differ depending on the certification company
- **One-time costs:** Costs for your initial certification
- **Annual cost:** Cost of annual certification to maintain organic certification
- If applicable, **additional costs** for the certification of your partner companies (e.g. contract manufacturers, warehousing & logistics, etc.)

What documents?

- When applying, a distinction is made between the following **categories:**
 - Production & Processing
 - Trade
 - Importers
 - Out-of-home catering companies
- Checklists for the requirements to apply for the organic label & the EU organic logo can be seen [here](#)

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Why opt for it?

- **Social & environmental:** Your contribution to sustainable & organic food production
- **Awareness & trust:** Many customers associate organic certified products with high product quality and transparency.
- **Point of sale:** Prerequisite for the sale of your products in organic (super) markets

Labeling of the products



- The EU organic logo & organic seal may only be used if the **legal requirements** are met & certification is maintained through **regular controls**
- All ingredients of agricultural origin must come from **organic agriculture**
- There are official **requirements for the use** of the EU organic logo (size, color, position)
- There are **two different logos:** if you want to use the organic logo after certification, the product **MUST** carry the European logo (fig. right). The **German logo** (Fig. left) may be displayed additionally on a **voluntary** basis.
- A complete organic certification of your product consists of (BMEL, 2022):
 - EU organic logo (+ state organic seal, if applicable)
 - Code number of the responsible organic inspection body
 - Labelling of ingredients originating from organic farming incl. indication of the origin of the ingredients (e.g. EU farming, non-EU farming, EU/non-EU farming).



More information about these topics

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