

ORGANICALLY GROWN AVOCADO. CERTIFICATION AND CONTROL POINTS ACCORDING TO THE EUROPEAN REGULATION 2092/91 AND ITS MODIFICATIONS

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Due to the demand of organic food products, an European Regulation was released to establish regulations for the control and certification of production, packaging, transformation, and import of agricultural products.

Within this context, the following procedures of control and certification were established for organically grown avocados:

Farm control is based on:

- Initial control, notification of changes, control visits, documented accounting, storage and transportation of products to other processing locations, access to facilities, operation of several production units by the same operators, seeds and reproductive materials, separation of units, and sampling.

Industry control is based on:

- Initial control, documented accounting, inspection of units where non ecologically-grown commodities are also manipulated, commodity packing and transportation to processing units, arrival areas for product arriving from other processing units, labeling, agreement with inspection procedures, and sampling.

The certification procedure basically includes the following steps:

- Documental and analytical verification, problem detection, verification of agreements (agreement or non-agreement), production certification, infraction warning, sanction procedures, and certificate withdrawal.