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Directorate B. Quality, Research & Innovation, Outreach  
The Director

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 30 January 2019 (Int. Ref. ARES(2019)681446) asking for confirmation whether the NOP certificate, which is the United States organic certificate, attached to your e-mail related to natural tocopherols would be equivalent to EU organic rules. Please accept my apologies for the late reply.

The organic certificate according to NOP standards mentioned in your e-mail is not relevant for the purpose of importing the referred product from India into the EU.

In order to import processed agricultural products for use as food to the European Union, the products have to be certified against standards assessed equivalent to EU by a control body recognised by the Commission in accordance with Article 33(3) of Regulation (EC) 834/2007<sup>1</sup>.

A list of control bodies recognised by the Commission to certify organic processed agricultural products used for food in India can be found in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008<sup>2</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (OJ L 189, 20.7.2007, p.1)

<sup>2</sup> Commission Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 of 8 December 2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries (OJ L 334, 12.12.2008, p.25)

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