

**Question for written answer P-005576/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Recognition of organic standards

In the case of a no-deal or a hard Brexit, UK producers will need to apply for the recognition of organic standards as a third country after the UK leaves the EU in March 2019. Approval by the EU of an application from a UK organic control body may take up to nine months.

Are any alternative approaches that should speed up this process being explored?

Both the EU and the UK are trying to have a feasible solution ready for important sectors by the exit day, e.g. for vehicle type-approval. Given the importance of the organic sector and the need to promote and streamline organic production, is a similar initiative being considered that would allow organic producers to continue producing their products in compliance with the current legal requirements without interrupting their existing production for the established market, in order to prevent significant social and economic impacts?