

**Question for written answer E-003491/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Certification of hydrosols as organic products

Hydrosols are produced using the same process as essential oils, in the same equipment and during the same process. Despite those facts, in Portugal, the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DGADR) takes the view that, in accordance with Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2018/848, hydrosols cannot be certified as organic, even though essential oils extracted in the same process and from the same product can.

We know that other Member States, such as France, follow a different interpretation.

1. What is the Commission's interpretation of this matter?
2. What is its rationale for that interpretation?
3. Can we expect any harmonisation at EU level?

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