



Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

## GB Certificate of Inspection (Col) explanatory notes

**Box 1:** Name, address and code of control body or authority in the third country. This body or authority also completes boxes 4 to 8.

**Box 2:** This box indicates which provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 are relevant for the issue and use of this Col:

Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, as it has effect in Great Britain:

- Article 33(2) – confirms that the products are imported under Annex III, equivalent third countries.
- Article 33(3) – confirms that the products are certified as equivalent to **GB Regulations** in the third country and are certified by a control body listed on Annex IV. **(This box is not for use yet)**

Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, as it has effect in the European Union:

- Article 33(2) – confirms that the products are imported under annex III, EU's equivalent third countries. **(Do not check this box for imports to GB).**
- Article 33(3) – confirms that the products are certified as equivalent to the **EU Regulations** in the third country and are certified by a control body listed on Annex IV.

The boxes that should be checked will be the 1<sup>st</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> and which box is checked will depend on whether the import is from a third country listed on Annex III or is certified by a control body appearing on Annex IV as approved to operate in the third country the products originate from.

GB will accept an organic certificate setting out that the products which are certified by control bodies on Annex IV are equivalent to the EU standards until 1 January 2023, alongside a GB Col.

**Box 3:** Serial number of the certificate, this will need to be assigned by the third country control body until an electronic system can automatically assign this.

In order to ensure a logical serial number is given and it is unique to the consignment, we propose the following format "COI.[CB code].nnnnn". As the CB code is unique, there will be no possible duplication by other CBs.

**Box 4:** Name and address of the operator exporting the products from the country mentioned in box 8. The exporter is: the operator performing the last operation for the purposes of preparation and sealing products in appropriate packaging or containers.

**Box 5:** Operator(s) who produced or processed the products in the third country mentioned in box 7.

**Box 6:** Control body(ies) or authority(ies) for monitoring compliance of the production or processing of the products with the rules of organic production in the country mentioned in box 7.

**Box 7:** Country of origin means the country where the product has been produced/ grown or processed.

**Box 8:** Country of export means the country where the product has been subject to the last operation for the purposes of preparation and sealed in appropriate packaging or containers.

**Box 9:** Country of clearance means **Great Britain**. Point of entry is the point of release for free circulation.

**Box 10:** Country of destination would be **Great Britain**.

**Box 11:** Name, address and the Economic Operators Registration and Identification number (EORI) of the importer.

**Box 12:** Name and address of the first consignee of the consignment in Great Britain. The first consignee shall mean the natural or legal person where the consignment is delivered and where it will be handled for further preparation and/or marketing. The first consignee shall also complete box 21.

**Box 13:** Description of products that includes Combined Nomenclature (CN) codes for the products concerned (8-digit level where possible), trade name, number of packages (number of boxes, cartons, bags, buckets, etc.), lot number and net weight.

**Box 14:** Optional

**Box 15:** Optional

**Box 16:** Total gross weight expressed in appropriate units (Kg of net mass, Litre, etc.)

**Box 17:** Means of transport arriving at the point of entry.  
Mode of transport: aeroplane, vessel, railways, road vehicle, other.

Identification of the means of transport:

- for aeroplane, indicate the flight number,
- for vessels, indicate the ship name(s),
- for railways, indicate the train identity and wagon number,
- for road transportation, indicate the registration number plate with trailer number plate, if appropriate.

In the case of a ferry, indicate vessel and road vehicle with the identification of the road vehicle and of the scheduled ferry.

**Box 18:** Declaration of control authority or control body issuing the certificate. The signature and the stamp must be in a different colour to that of the printing.

**Box 19:** Shall be filled in by the competent authority or by the importer.

**Box 20:** Shall be completed by the competent authority, if appropriate, before the preparation or splitting operation in the circumstances and at the verification of the consignment.

**Box 21:** Shall be filled in by the first consignee at the reception of the products, when the checks have been completed.