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Electronic Integration of the Certificate of Inspection (COI) for Organic Products with Customs Import via EU CERTEX

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Purpose

The Customs Department hereby informs Economic Operators (EOs), importers and customs representatives that, as from **26 August 2026**, the electronic integration between the Customs Import System and **TRACES NT**, through the **EU Customs Single Window – EU CSW-CERTEX**, will become operational for Certificates of Inspection (COI) for organic products.

The purpose of this integration is to enable the Customs Import System to electronically verify the relevant COI in TRACES NT during the customs clearance process.

How the system will work

The Economic Operator does not need to establish a separate connection with TRACES NT for this purpose. The communication between Customs and TRACES NT will take place automatically through EU CSW-CERTEX.

What Economic Operators must declare

Where the imported goods are subject to the organic-products control requirements, the customs declaration must contain the appropriate supporting-document information.

In particular:

<u>Declaration information</u>	<u>Requirement</u>
Document code	C644
Certificate reference	Valid COI reference number issued in TRACES NT
Commodity code	Correct 10-digit TARIC code
Quantity/weight	Must correspond with the goods covered by the COI

The COI reference number entered in the customs declaration must correspond to the certificate covering the relevant consignment.

C644 and Y929

Economic Operators should pay particular attention to the following codes:

C644 – Certificate of Inspection for organic products

This code must be used where the goods are subject to the organic-products requirements and a COI is required.

Y929 – Goods not concerned by Regulation (EU) 2018/848

This code is used where the goods fall under a relevant TARIC measure but are **not concerned by the organic-products requirements** and therefore do not require a COI.

Y929 must not be used as a substitute for C644 where a valid COI is required.

TARIC commodity codes

Economic Operators must always use the **correct and current 10-digit TARIC commodity code** applicable to the goods.

The applicable TARIC measure determines whether C644 or Y929 is required.

As TARIC measures may be updated, Economic Operators should consult the current TARIC information applicable at the time of the customs declaration rather than relying on a fixed list of codes.

Important requirements concerning the COI

Before submitting the customs declaration, Economic Operators should ensure that:

- the COI has been created and issued in TRACES NT;
- the COI reference number is entered correctly;
- the COI covers the relevant consignment;
- the commodity code corresponds to the goods;
- the quantity/weight corresponds to the goods covered by the COI;
- the information in the customs declaration is consistent with the COI.

Electronic verification

Once the customs declaration is submitted, the Customs Import System will automatically communicate with TRACES NT through EU CSW-CERTEX.

The system will verify the relevant COI and return the result to the Customs Import System.

Where the electronic verification is successful and all other customs requirements are fulfilled, the customs declaration may proceed in accordance with the applicable procedure.

Where there is an error, mismatch or negative result, the declaration may require correction or further action before clearance can take place.

Action required before 26 August 2026

Economic Operators and customs representatives are requested to ensure that their customs declaration systems and procedures are capable of correctly declaring:

- the applicable TARIC commodity code;
- **C644**, where a COI is required;
- the corresponding COI reference number; or
- **Y929**, where the goods are not concerned by Regulation (EU) 2018/848.

The electronic COI integration will go live on 26 August 2026.

For any queries relating to Customs systems, please contact the following helpdesk:

<https://mtca.gov.mt/customs/electronic-systems/customs-systems-queries>

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