

"Organic" salt? Not really! Request to exclude reference to salt in Organic Regulation

Salt is a Mineral, Not Organic. Let's Fix the Law.

The EU Organic Regulation is Being Amended. It's Time for a Fix.

Support a clearer Regulation and a fairer market. Delete salt from the Organic Regulation now.

The Window is Open NOW!

The EU is revising the Organic Regulation (2018/848) following a recent Court of Justice ruling. This is the perfect moment to correct a long-standing inconsistency.

- WHAT: Delete "sea salt and other salts" from Annex I.
- WHY: Align the law with science, the will of a large majority of stakeholders, and market reality.
- **HOW:** Support the amendment in the upcoming discussions.

Salt is a MINERAL, not a Product of Farming.

The concept of "organic salt" is fundamentally flawed and has been unworkable from the start.

- It's Illogical: Organic standards are for agriculture and living organisms. Salt is an inert mineral.
- **No Consensus:** Years of expert discussions failed to define workable rules.
- **No Demand:** Neither consumers nor the vast majority of salt producers ever asked for this. Consumers already have clear quality labels like PGI.

The EU has Clearly Rejected "Organic Salt" Rules.

Continuing to include salt in the regulation ignores clear democratic and legal precedents.

- **European Parliament VETO (2023):** MEPs overwhelmingly <u>rejected the Commission's proposed</u> <u>rules for organic salt</u>.
- **Widespread Public Opposition:** The Commission's own consultation revealed that the majority of stakeholders, including organic producers, opposed the proposal.

Keeping Salt in the Regulation Harms EU Goals & Industry.

The rejected rules demonstrated the negative consequences of this policy.

- **Discriminates against EU Producers:** The former rules would have **excluded over 90%** of European salt production, creating an unfair market and discriminating between Member States.
- Contradicts the Farm to Fork Strategy: It limits the supply of a key ingredient for organic processors and would force longer, less sustainable supply chains.



• Creates Consumer Confusion: It undermines trust in the organic label by applying it to a non-agricultural product.

A Simple Correction for a Stronger Organic Sector.

Let's use this legislative review to make a logical and necessary change.

- **OUR POSITION:** Remove salt from the scope of the Organic Regulation.
- **THE OUTCOME:** A more coherent law, a level playing field for European producers, and a more credible EU organic label.