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The Department of Agriculture (the department) has been notified by the European Commission of an audit of Australia's organic export system which will be conducted from 16 June 2014 to 27 June 2014.

The objective of this audit is to verify whether a system is in place to control organic production and labelling of organic products in accordance with EU regulations, in particular the system for plant and plant products currently exported to the EU under an equivalence arrangement.

Please be advised, as a part of this audit, it is the EU's intention to visit Australian organic operations that currently export organic plant based foods to the EU.

The department and the approved certifying bodies are currently working through the details of the audit, including completion of a pre audit questionnaire and submission of a suitable itinerary. Should you be one of the nominated operators you will be advised as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions, please contact your approved certifying body, or alternatively direct any enquiries to the contacts listed above.

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