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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahtuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késésekét - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidējimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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1. MSG 001 IND 2026 0028 ES EN 23-01-2026 ES NOTIF

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4. 2026/0028/ES - C00A - AGRICULTURE, FISHING AND FOODSTUFFS

5. TECHNICAL STANDARD FOR THE ORGANIC PRODUCTION OF DRIED COCHINEAL IN THE CANARY ISLANDS

6. Dried cochineal, produced in the territory of the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands, from the pads of prickly pear cacti (*Opuntia ficus indica*)

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8. This standard applies to dried cochineal produced in the territory of the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands, from the pads of prickly pear cacti (*Opuntia ficus indica*), and belonging to dried cochineal processing centres located in the Canary Islands that wish to use the indications of Organic Production.

1. In order for dried cochineal to be marketed as organically produced, the animals must have been reared in accordance with the general rules and principles laid down in Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 and all regulations supplementing and amending it, and in accordance with the specific rules detailed in this standard.

2. Only cochineal insects from exclusively organic holdings may be placed on the market as organic cochineal insects.

9. Cochineal farming in the Canary Islands is a traditional activity aimed at obtaining the colourant carminic acid. It consists in naturally drying adult females of the hemipteran insect of the coccid family *Dactylopius coccus* (known as cochineal insects) once they have been collected from the pads of the prickly pear cactus (*Opuntia ficus indica*). There is even a Protected Designation of Origin for this product. The European authorities and the new agricultural policies encourage organic production and environmentally friendly farming practices, avoiding as far as possible the use of synthetic chemicals and avoiding pollution of the natural environment.

However, cochineal does not currently fall within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on organic production and labelling of organic products.

However, Article 20 of the same Regulation provides that in the event that no additional general rules are adopted for species of breeding animals other than those regulated under point 1.9 of Part II of Annex II, in accordance with Article 14(2)(e), Member States may apply detailed rules.

10. References to basic texts: There are no basic texts

11. No

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13. No

14. No

15. No

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TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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