

## List of sanctions (International agriculture)

### What happens, if infringements/non-conformities are determined during an inspection?

Sanctions to be provided for violations of the Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 and 889/2008 in the current version.

Level	Sanction	Deadline	Consequence	Example
1	Warning	4 Weeks	The warning is given with conditions to be improved and have to be fulfilled within a certain deadline.	Minor offences in the sections crop production, animal husbandry, feeding etc. (e.g. not enough litter in the stable)
2	Increased record-keeping and reporting obligations	10 Days	This sanction is also given with conditions to be improved and have to be fulfilled within the deadline.	Minor offences regarding recording, which result in handing in documents subsequently (e.g. to complete reports)
3	Follow-up inspections at the client's expense		Due to offences against the guidelines a follow-up spot check takes place. A service fee will be charged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constant repeat of offences resulting in S1 and S2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Serious offences have to be corrected within a short period, which has to be checked</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4	Downgrading of a product	immediately	<p>In agreement with the Authority the following can happen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of the conversion time</li> <li>• Downgrading of a product</li> <li>• Downgrading of a production unit or farm into conversion period</li> <li>• Follow-up inspection at the client's expense</li> </ul> <p>Charging a service fee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilisation of forbidden pesticides or fertilizers</li> <li>• Contamination of pesticides or fertilizers with third party fault</li> <li>• Severe feeding offence</li> <li>• Repeated failure to comply with deadlines</li> <li>• Repeated serious offences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Offences regarding animal purchase; recipes/formulations; false labelling</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Downgrading of a production unit	immediately		
	Downgrading of the whole farm into conversion period	immediately		
5	Termination of the inspection contract		<p>This is an issue under private law between the farm and inspection body.</p> <p>Informing relevant authorities.</p>	

**Please consider:** Even slight deficiencies may lead to a tightening of sanctions in case of repetition.

**Remark:** If a sanction has to be imposed, the respective number (1 to 5) appears on the inspection report. ABG's inspectors have to explain the imposed sanction and its consequences. Each imposed sanction will be checked and confirmed or corrected by a member of ABG staff once more.

## List of sanctions Bulgaria (International agriculture)

### What happens, if infringements/non-conformities are determined during an inspection?

Sanctions to be provided for violations of the Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 and 889/2008 in the current version.

Derogation level	Sanction	Deadline	Consequence
5.1	Increased record-keeping and reporting obligations	10 Days	This sanction is also given with conditions to be improved and has to be fulfilled within the deadline.
5.2	Temporary partial prohibition of organic sales until the deviation is corrected	immediately	It is not allowed to give any reference to the organic or in conversion production method in the labelling and advertising of the entire lot or production run affected by this irregularity.
5.3.1	Temporary partial prohibition of organic sales for a minimal period of 3 months	immediately	It is not allowed to give any reference to the organic production or in conversion method in the labelling and advertising of the entire lot or production run affected by this irregularity. Customer has to be informed in a written way.
			Operators in conversion: prolongation of the conversion period for the affected animals, parcels, bee families, aquaculture animals and algae
5.3.2	Temporary full prohibition of organic sales for a minimal period of 5 months	immediately	It is not allowed to give any reference to the organic or in conversion production method in the labelling and advertising of the entire production. Customer has to be informed in a written way.
			Operators in conversion: prolongation of the conversion period for the entire holding
5.4	Prohibition of organic sales in case of severe infringement for a minimal period of 6 months	immediately	In agreement with the Authority prohibition of marketing of products which refer to the organic or in conversion production method in the labelling and advertising. Start of new conversion period in case of plant production, animal husbandry, aquaculture and bee keeping. Customer has to be informed in a written way.
			Operators in conversion: start of a new conversion period with the date of the determination of the infringement for the entire holding
6	Prohibition of organic sales in case an operator is reasonably suspected	immediately	Temporary prohibition to sell a product as organic in accordance with Article 91, Paragraph 2 of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 for such a period of time as determined by the control body until suspicions are proved/removed.

	Termination of the inspection contract		This is an issue under private law between the farm and inspection body. Informing relevant authorities.
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**Please consider:**

Even slight deficiencies may lead to a tightening of sanctions in case of repetition.  
Every derogation level leads to an additional inspection during the relevant year.

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