

GREEN CERTIFICATION/ECOLABEL REPORT

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OF ADRIATIC REGION

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Requests for the certification of organic products were received from the producers, after which the process of application to the control system of organic agriculture and production began. They were provided with the certification scheme and the relevant regulation of organic agriculture and production. A risk assessment was carried out and the producers were assigned E codes under which they are kept in the accredited documentation traceability system at the control and certification body. After administrative inspection of parcels registered in the ARKOD system, the suitability of the parcels for the implementation of control and certification was determined, and contracts on the implementation of control and certification of organic products were concluded, as well as the dates for the implementation of field controls have been agreed upon.

An evaluation group was appointed, according to the qualifications of the available inspectors and the calendar of activities, for the implementation of field inspections and monitoring of producers until the certificate issue.

Field inspections of the reported parcels were carried out with the aim of determining compliance with the provisions of the regulation, as well as the certification scheme. During the field visit of the plots, the location of production, the type and age of the plantations, the assortment, and the implemented agro-technical measures, as well as the appropriateness of the plantation treatments with fertilizers and plant protection agents, were controlled and determined. Furthermore, the production plans were checked, as well as the planned prevention and precautionary measures, in accordance with the applicable regulations. A report of the findings has been compiled, which was signed by the control body and the representative of the controlled entity. The documentation was additionally completed by the inspector responsible for the implementation of the control, and was delivered to the operator in written form.

Producers have been instructed to submit the report on the control activities in order to register in the Register of Entities in Organic Production at the office of the Agency for Payments in Agriculture based on the minutes. Enrollment in the

Register is a preliminary step for issuing a certificate, and enables producers to apply for the application of subsidies for organic agriculture and production.

The documentation was forwarded to the Certification Committee for a decision on awarding the certificate with all accompanying documents and notes of the inspectors who conducted the inspection. During the certification process, all the supporting documents that are a requirement for certification have been reviewed and decisions were made on awarding certificates. Certificates have been issued in accordance with the procedures of the accredited system. Producers with permanent plantations (olives, almonds, figs) must undergo a mandatory three-year period of conversion to organic farming. During that period, it is not allowed to use the eco label on products.

The competent authority, the Ministry of Agriculture, was notified of the activities carried out in a timely manner, and production data is recorded for the needs of the State Bureau of Statistics and the Agency for Agricultural Payments, as well as for the State Inspectorate. The documentation is stored in electronic form in the system, and it is sent to manufacturers in written form, together with forms for reporting changes in production and business.

Operators have been informed of their obligations towards the control body. With the issuance of the certificate, the certification process is completed.

The family farm Mara Roško grows olives, walnuts and figs in the area of catastrophe register of Skradin and Vacani on eight plots. In addition to these parcels, the entity in ARKOD also owns two vineyards and a plot of arable land, which are not in the system of organic control system and do not represent parallel production, which is not allowed.

Fig trees were planted in March 2023. Other plantations are of different ages. The oldest olive trees were planted in 1943. Plantations are maintained, agro-technical measures are carried out regularly (mowing, pruning, milling). Major pruning of olive trees is done every three years, while pruning of a smaller scale is done every year.

Permitted organic fertilizer was used for fertilization in March 2023, while plant protection products have not been used so far. The farm has all the necessary machinery for the implementation of necessary agro-technical procedures.

Due to the surrounding conventional plantations, the risk of contamination for the economy is assessed as medium.

The yield of olives in 2022 was 10.000 kg. The processing is carried out in an oil mill, with the valid certificate for organic processing.

Estimated yield for 2023 is 4.000 kg of olives, 100 kg of walnuts, while no yield is expected for figs, as these are newly planted trees.

The operator is informed of the obligation to use fertilizers and plant protection products allowed for use in organic production, and to document and implement prevention and precautionary measures, as well as keep a production register of agricultural works on the farm. The operator is informed of the valid certification scheme and its details of significance for production and operation, as well as the valid requirements for sanitary and hygienic conditions.

Certificate number HR-EKO-04.191-0002050.2023.001 was issued following the adoption of the Decision on Issuing Certificates by the Certification Board in the certification body through the TRACES system of the European Union on May 12, 2023, after the operator entered the Register of Organic Operators, which is kept by the Agency for payment in agriculture, fisheries and rural development.



Family farm Šime Stipaničev is engaged in the cultivation of olives in the area of catastre register Tribunj. There is a total of 150 olive trees of different varieties on three plots with a total area of 1.09 ha: oblica, leccino, pendolino, Istrian bjelica, and on one plot there are planted fruit trees of different ages.

Plantations are maintained, and agro-technical measures are carried out regularly (mowing, plowing, pruning).

Fertilization was carried out with organic fertilizer even before the inclusion into the organic production on all plots.

The operator is informed of the obligation to keep a production diary of works on the farm, to use products for protection and fertilization which are allowed in organic production, and to document and implement prevention and precautionary measures.

S foreseen yield of 2,000 kg of olives and 2 kg of almonds is expected In 2023, while the yield of other fruits is not expected, due to the fact that these are young, barren trees.

The operator is informed of the valid certification scheme and its details of significance for production and operation, as well as the valid requirements for sanitary and hygienic conditions.

Certificate number HR-EKO-04.191-0001919.2023.001 was issued following the adoption of the Decision on Issuing Certificates by the Certification Board in the certification body through the TRACES system of the European Union on April 24, 2023, after the operator entered the Register of Organic Operators, which is kept by the Agency for payment in agriculture, fisheries and rural development.

On June 15, 2023 a ceremonial awarding of certificates was additionally held at both certified farms in the presence of representatives of the Take it Slow project and representatives of the media to achieve visibility of the project in the community and the public.





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