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In 2018, the European Parliament and the Council agreed to list ‘Sea salt and other salts for food and feed’ in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2018/848¹ and accordingly, since 1 January 2022 these products may be produced and labelled as organic under the conditions set out in that Regulation.

Certain operators that are certified under Regulation (EU) 2018/848 have made the choice to produce and place on the EU market salts produced in accordance with Article 21(2) of that Regulation. In addition, certain Member States have established detailed national production rules covering the production of organic salts in accordance with the same provision.

The Commission has adopted its proposal for a targeted amendment of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 and has not proposed the removal of ‘Sea salt and other salts for food and feed’ from Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2018/848².

Point 2.2.2(f)(i) of Part IV of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848³ related to the production of organic processed food allows for the use of iodine in organic salts provided that its use in food for normal consumption is ‘directly legally required’, in the meaning of being directly required by provisions of Union law or provisions of national law compatible with Union law, with the consequence that the food cannot be placed at all on the market as food for normal consumption if those minerals, vitamins, amino acids or micronutrients are not added.

¹ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/848/oj>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2025%3A780%3AFIN&qid=1765969819531>.

³ Point 2.2.2 In the processing of food, the following products and substances may be used:[...] (f) minerals (trace elements included), vitamins, amino acids and micronutrients, provided that: (i) their use in food for normal consumption is ‘directly legally required’, in the meaning of being directly required by provisions of Union law or provisions of national law compatible with Union law, with the consequence that the food cannot be placed at all on the market as food for normal consumption if those minerals, vitamins, amino acids or micronutrients are not added.