

QUALITY ANNEX FOOD SUPPLEMENTS

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This annex complements the Products Selection Criteria and does not replace them. It is designed for Biocoop suppliers offering food supplements.

Biocoop gives priority to food supplements which comply with the regulations on organic farming: European framework regulation No. 834/2007 completed by implementing regulation 889/2008 and approved national requirements. They have been certified by an approved certification body.

Each food supplement must be filed at the DGCCRF, in accordance with decree 2006/352 of 20/3/2006 and the order of 9/05/2006 on nutrients.

Furthermore, all BIOCOOP specifications also apply to food supplements (GMO risk control, organic flavour, sustainable fishing, resource sustainability, etc.).

In addition to this selection base, BIOCOOP is continuously looking for relevant qualitative improvements which are reflected in the following criteria:

Products shall not be higher than a maximum of 23 cm. If they are higher than that, it is difficult to place them on the shelves of BIOCOOP shops.

The following dosage forms are preferred:

- Vials
- Uncoated tablets
- Powder
- Juice and syrups
- Fibre cubes
- Granules and granulated
- Water alcohol glycerine macerate
- **Soft and hard capsules**

Biocoop does not accept tablets or ingredients in blister packs.

Specific requirements on the envelopes of soft and hard capsules:

- Preference for soft capsules and hard capsules in certified organic pork gelatin or certified organic fish gelatin.
- No non-organic capsules of porcine or bovine origin due to the absence of traceability regarding the source of the gelatins.
- No HPMC capsules called vegetarian capsules due to the transformation method which uses methyl chloride and propylene oxide.

Products made from several types of ingredients must meet the criteria applicable to each ingredient as described on the table below.

Source	Products	BIOCOOP selection criteria
Synthesis	<i>Vitamins and Minerals</i>	No synthetic vitamins except or those authorised by the organic farming specifications as preservatives. No vitamins and minerals obtained by synthesis.
Rock	<i>Minerals from rock (inorganic)</i>	Stone meals do not undergo any chemical treatment either by addition or by chemical reaction after their extraction.
	<i>Clay (inorganic sedimentary rock)</i>	Clay must be sourced from authorised extraction (no unauthorised extraction). It is dried naturally, either air dried or sun dried. It shall under no circumstances be subject to irradiation treatment.
Marine products or related products	<i>Algae</i>	Algae and micro algae used must comply with the public or private specifications on the organic farming method. In the absence of specifications for some algae, the supplier shall provide guarantees regarding the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The catchment area - The type of inputs used during production or in the pond - No treatment with synthetic products between collection and final packaging. - No irradiation treatment.
	<i>Sea water</i>	Sea water or extract of sea water must have guarantees regarding the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - catchment area free from pollution and of interest on account of its mineral wealth, - no treatment with synthetic products between collection and final packaging,

		- no irradiation treatment, - no heating.
	<i>Lithothamnion</i>	Lithothamnion from the Glénans area is not accepted, due to the ecological imbalance caused by its extraction.
Plants	<i>Plants</i>	Plants from organic farming, except for some wild plants for which organic certification is not possible yet (in the process of creation, small quantities in areas difficult to access by inspection agencies, etc.) and subject to guarantee of non pollution, sustainability of the habitat and of indigenous populations. Vegetable oils must be obtained from first pressing, cold pressed or with light pre-heating. In any event, the oil temperature obtained after pressing shall not exceed 50°C.
	<i>Coal</i>	Vegetable carbon is obtained from crude plants that have not been chemically treated during growth and processing.
Mushrooms	<i>Mushrooms</i>	Cultivated mushrooms must come from organic farming; harvested mushrooms must, as applicable, be certified "organic farming" or come from wild areas free from any pollution with guarantee of sustainability of the habitat. Analysis of residues of heavy metals or radio activity may be requested.
Yeast	<i>Yeast</i>	Yeast must come from food grain strains and certified "organic farming"
Probiotics	<i>Probiotics</i>	The strains used must be live strains and have good bioavailability. The ultimate objective for probiotics is to be certified "organic farming" and pending the organic implementing rules, the objective is to be produced on the basis of materials obtained from organic farming. At the very least, the strains must be non GMO and/or not of GMO origin.
Animals	<i>Animals</i>	Animals from organic farming or from the wild areas free from any pollution subject to sustainability of the habitat. (example oysters).
	<i>Products produced by animals</i>	Animal products used must be from organic farming. Examples: milk and milk by-products, honey, propolis and pollen, etc. Under no circumstances can they be sourced from dead animals or animals mutilated specifically to obtain an extract. As regards organic honey, it must not be warmed at a temperature higher than 45°C. Biocoop may request an HMF test from the supplier, proving compliance with this requirement. Fresh Royal Jelly must be of French origin or from countries adjacent to France. For Fresh Royal Jelly used in vials , or other forms of food supplements, the manufacturer must have organic guarantees equivalent to the European regulation and have an inspection report.

Signed* in two copies, of which one sent to:

Biocoop

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Espace Performance

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The Supplier

Name of company:

Legal representative: _____

Signature and stamp of the company

(*) Signature preceded by the handwritten words "Read and Approved"