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## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

June 10, 2020

SERPIL TUREDI  
Bionas Tarim Ltd. Sti.  
Caddebostan Mah. Bağdat Cad. No:300/4  
Istanbul, TURKEY

Dear Mr. Turedi:

Pursuant to the regulations at 7 CFR 205.660, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), National Organic Program (NOP) issues this Notice of Suspension to Bionas Tarim Ltd. Sti. (Bionas).

On October 23, 2019, the NOP issued Bionas a Notice of Noncompliance and Proposed Suspension for failing to comply with the USDA organic regulations at 7 CFR §205.400, *General Requirements for Certification*.

On November 22, 2019, Bionas filed an appeal to the Notice of Noncompliance and Proposed Suspension. The USDA-AMS Administrator issued a decision on May 13, 2020 denying the appeal and upholding the suspension of Bionas' certification issued by NOP. The decision provided 30 days for Bionas to request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. On June 9, 2020, Bionas returned a waiver of hearing form to the NOP. Therefore, the Administrator's decision is final and the NOP is suspending Bionas' USDA organic certification.

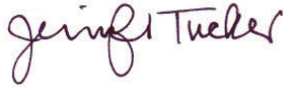

The suspension of Bionas Tarim Ltd. Sti.'s USDA organic certification is effective as of the date of this notice.

Suspended operations may not sell, label, or represent their products as organic. Knowingly selling or labeling a product as organic, except in accordance with the Act, may result in civil penalties of up to \$17,952 per violation.

A certified operation whose certification has been suspended under this section may at any time, unless otherwise stated in this notification of suspension, submit a request to the Secretary for reinstatement of its certification. The request must be accompanied by evidence demonstrating correction of each noncompliance and corrective actions taken to comply with and remain in compliance with the USDA organic regulations, pursuant to 7 CFR §205.663(f).

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact Graham Davis, Accreditation Manager, at [Graham.Davis@usda.gov](mailto:Graham.Davis@usda.gov) or (202) 692-0047.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jennifer Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style.A red digital signature icon, resembling a stylized 'A' or a checkmark, positioned to the left of the digital signature text.

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Jennifer Tucker, Ph.D.  
Deputy Administrator  
National Organic Program

cc: Ekoagros