

# 2021 Organic Sector Survey / Enquête sur le secteur biologique

## Standards / Normes

### Question 20

- Do you feel like the SIC adequately addresses discrepancies with the decisions of the certification agencies?
- Pensez-vous que le CIN corrige correctement les écarts entre les décisions des organismes de certification?

Answer Choices / Responses

Always / Toujours: **5.88% (11)**

Usually / D'habitude: **47.06% (88)**

Sometimes / Quelquefois: **36.90% (69)**

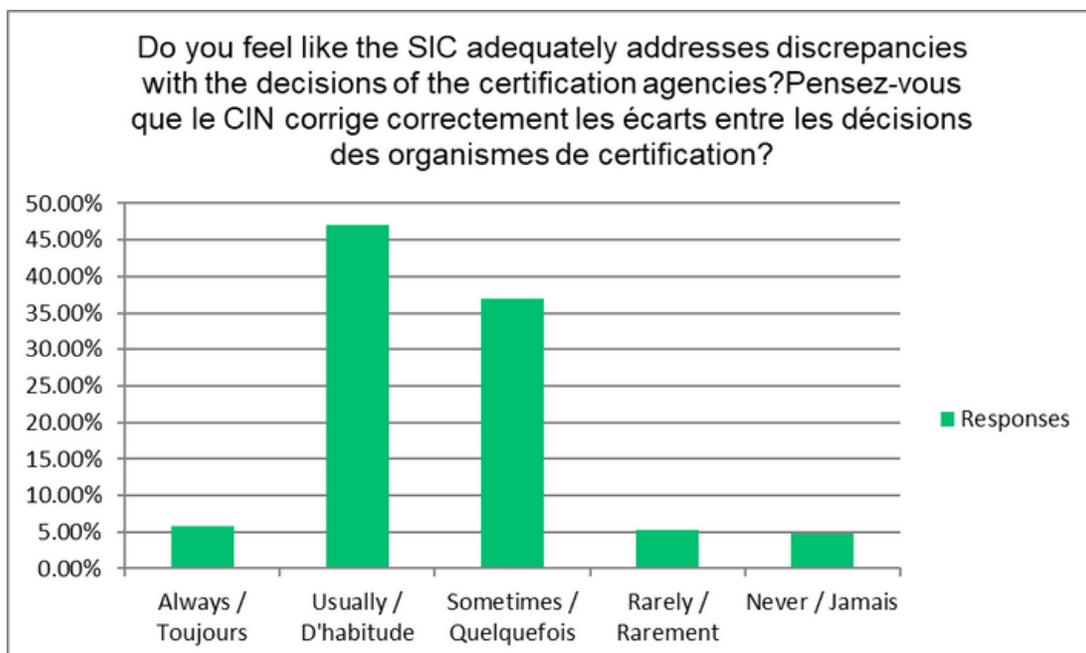
Rarely / Rarement: **5.35% (10)**

Never / Jamais: **4.81% (9)**

Comments / Commentaires: **59**

Answered / Ont répondu: **187**

Skipped / N'ont pas répondu: **632**





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### Comments / Commentaires

Note: The comments below were submitted to the survey by individuals, and do not reflect the views of the Organic Federation of Canada, Canadian Organic Trade Association, the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada, or the Canadian Organic Growers.

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- Appreciate the comment periods and the opportunity to provide input
- Je ne sais pas
- Don't know
- We are not only regulated by Organic Standards, but also by the CFIA guidelines for certification bodies. The latter is not accountable to the needs of the industry, nor is there any interpretations committee that producers can access.
- No comment
- I am not an organic farmer - n.a.
- ne s'applique pas
- Les écarts dans le secteur laitier n'ont pas été corrigé. Je ne connais pas la situation des autres secteurs
- I would need more information to comment
- Not sure
- N/A
- I don't know what this is
- Not aware
- Had not heard of this
- I don't know, but this option was not given
- Unsure
- Unfamiliar with SIC.
- Not aware
- Never interacted with them
- No comment
- I don't know
- Don't know.



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- I really don't have enough knowledgt to answer this question but didn't have an option to answer in this way.
- did not participate
- Unsure
- Unsure
- I have never been involved with the SIC work
- Uncertain
- This question ought to have had a n/a answer to be statistically correct. Default becomes "Never" which is incorrect.
- Certifiers are just not communicating suffieciently between themselves on best practices, should meet and talk more regularly like the NOP ACA.
- I don't know - forgot to add this as an option
- no idea, but how effectively are the regs communicated if discrepancies have to be clarified.
- was not aware of the SIC
- Don't know
- Ne sais pas
- Ne suis pas en mesure de répondre. Par contre il faudrait revoir les paramètres de composition des membres du CIN et y ajouter des listes d'experts reconnus pour des questions touchant productions nichées pour éviter les interprétations ignorantes et dommageables pour ces productions.
- not sure
- No opinion
- Don't know.
- not applicable
- I have no idea what they do or the services provided. I am wholly dependent on my certifier, and they act more like a regulator than an actual service provider. Customer service education for the certifying bodies is needed.
- not sure
- I do not know
- Je ne sais pas
- I am certified organic this year and have not yet dealt with the SIC